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03d. Paper	Background Information (1 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S
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05. Notes	Handwritten notes of various issues (1 pp.)	12/17/[91]	(b)(1)	
06. Memo	From James A. Baker, III to President Bush (4 pp.)	12/17/91	(b)(1)	S
07. Memo	From Brent Scowcroft to President Bush (5 pp.)	12/16/91	(b)(1)	C
08. Check	George Bush Personal Check to Alfalfa Club (1 pp.)	12/17/91	C	
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BF

SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, December 17, 1991

8:00 am (15 min) Intelligence Briefing (Scowcroft) Oval Office

8:15 am (30 min) National Security Briefing (Scowcroft) Oval Office

8:45 am (30 min) Meeting with Chief of Staff Oval Office

9:15 am (60 min) Budget Review (Darman) Oval Office

(TAB A) stills Roosevelt Room

10:15 am (45 min) Administrative Time Oval Office

11:00 am (10 min) Meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levi (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately) Oval Office

11:05 In 11:26 Out Scowcroft stays in open

11:10 am (20 min) Personal Staff Time Oval Office

Canadian PM

11:30 am (30 min) Meeting with Thai Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately) Oval Office

11:41 POTUS In 12:04 POTUS Out

open Cabinet Room

12:05 pm (5 min) America 2000 Phone Call (Demarest) (Distributed Separately) Oval Office

12:06 In Oval 12:16

12:15 pm (60 min) Luncheon with Prime Minister Panyarachun (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately & TAB B) Residence

12:20 Start 1:25 In

1:15 pm (15 min) Personal Staff Time Oval Office

1:30 pm (15 min) Staff Time (Smith) Oval Office

(TAB C)

1:45 pm (35 min) Satellite Tour with five ABC Stations (Smith) 459 OEOB

(TAB D)

UNP 12/16/91
6:00 pm

12:00 Martin



2:30 pm
(10 min)

Photo with Advisory Committee
of the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Tenth Anniversary
(Demarest)

Roosevelt Room

Still

(TAB E)

2:45 pm
(30 min)

Meeting with Chief of Staff

Oval Office

3:15 pm (Carlos Perez) Administrative Time
(1 hr 45 min)

Oval Office

6:45 pm

B Christmas Reception
(Firestone)

State Floor

(TAB F)

7:01 POTUS In
8:01 Scowcroft, Adm. Howe, (b)(3) In
8:14 Skinner In
8:18 (b)(3) Out
8:19 Fitzwater In
8:20 VPOTUS In, Fitzwater Out
8:34 Scowcroft, Adm. Howe Out
8:35 Scowcroft In
8:37 Scowcroft Out
9:03 VPOTUS Out
9:17 Skinner Out
9:20 POTUS Out to Roosevelt Room
10:50 POTUS In
10:58 Fitzwater In
11:00 Scowcroft, Haass In
11:05 FM David Levi, Zalman Shoval
Eitan Bentsur, Skinner, Eagleburger,
Ed Djerejian, Oira Levine, and another
Interpreter In Cabinet Room

~~Also at 11:05 POTUS~~

11:26 All out but POTUS, Scowcroft
11:41 POTUS, Scowcroft Out to Cabinet Rm.
12:04 POTUS, Jane Lencard, Card In for
America 2000 Call.
12:46 All out. POTUS to 2nd Fl. Res.
12:20 POTUS Arrives 2nd Floor
1:25 POTUS and Thai Delegation In and
out of Oval, POTUS stays In
1:31 Demarest, Porter, Smith In
1:32 Card, Fitzwater In

1:42 All Out to 459 DEOB
1:46 POTUS Arrives 459 DEOB
2:30 POTUS departs 459 DEOB
2:34 POTUS In LeeAnn Metzger In
2:35 POTUS Out to Roosevelt Rm.
2:49 POTUS In
2:52 Skinner In
3:11 Scowcroft In
3:13 Skinner Out
3:15 Scowcroft Out
3:58 Scowcroft, Skinner, Teter In
4:00 Scowcroft Out
4:21 Skinner, Teter Out
4:45 Firestone In
5:01 Firestone Out
5:55 POTUS Out

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UNP 12/16/91
6:00 pm

PRESIDENTIAL MOVEMENTS

LOCATION Washington, D.C.

DATE 17 December 1991

TIME	MOVEMENTS
0700	South Grounds
0702	Oval Office
0840	Roosevelt Room
1050	Oval Office
1142	Cabinet Room
1206	Oval Office
1215	South Grounds
1216	Residence
1319	State Floor
1324	Oval Office
1344	Room 450, Old Executive Office Building
1350	Room 459, Old Executive Office Building
1429	Room 450, Old Executive Office Building
1433	Oval Office
1435	Roosevelt Room
1449	Oval Office
1756	South Grounds
1758	Residence
1845	State Floor
2123	South Grounds
2139	Residence

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WASHINGTON

TELEPHONE MEMORANDUM

PRESIDENT BUSH

DECEMBER 17 th , 19 91

	TIME		DISC	NAME	ACTION
	PLACED				
OUT	7:22 AM		7:28	RABBI ARTHUR SCHMEIER	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 7:24 A.M.
OUT	AM				
~~INC~~	PM				
OUT	7:40 AM		7:45	MR. JACK STEIN	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 7:41 A.M.
OUT	AM				
~~INC~~	PM				
OUT	7:47 AM		7:52	CONGRESSMAN G.V. MONTGOMERY	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 7:51 A.M.
OUT	AM				
~~INC~~	PM				
OUT	8:35 AM			MR. JONATHAN BUSH	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD WITH MRS.
OUT	AM				BRIDGET M. MONTAGNE 8:37 A.M.
~~INC~~	PM				
OUT	AM				
~~INC~~	PM				
OUT	10:51 AM		10:58	MR. JONATHAN BUSH	
~~INC~~	~~PM~~			(b)(6)	TLKD-OK 10:53 A.M.
OUT	AM				
~~INC~~	PM				

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PRESIDENT BUSH

DECEMBER 17 th , 19⁹¹

	TIME		NAME	ACTION
	PLACED	DISC		
OUT	~~AM~~		SENATOR DANIEL L. BOREN OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 202-224-4721	
~~INC~~	4:37 PM	4:52		TLKD-OK 4:49 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	~~AM~~		MR. TED WILLIAMS RES: CRYSTAL RIVER, FL. 904-746-5875	
~~INC~~	4:37 PM	4:44		TLKD-OK 4:43 P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	~~AM~~		MR. T. BOONE PICKENS (b)(6)	MRS. ROSE M. ZAMARIA TLKD.. WITH MR. LAWRENCE KEENON 4:47
~~INC~~	4:37 PM			P.M.
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
~~OUT~~	~~AM~~		REVEREND JESSE L. JACKSON OFC: WASHINGTON, D.C. 202-728-1180	TLKD-OK WITH MRS. PATRICIA A. PRESOCK . CALL WAS REFERRED
INC	7:29 PM			
OUT	AM			TO GENERAL BRENT SCOWCROFT PER MRS. PATRICIA A. PRESOCK
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			7:34 P.M.
INC	PM			
OUT	AM			
INC	PM			
OUT	~~AM~~		MRS. MARY WALKER (b)(6)	
~~INC~~	8:52 PM	8:58		TLKD-OK 8:54 P.M.

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Presidential Phone Calls



return line

DATE: 12-17-91

TIME: 7²⁵
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Arthur Schmeider

SUBJECT:

re: Zimmerman resolution

May go from strength
to strength

You are Leader of the World
This vote says this

FOLLOW UP: Herd good meeting
into Bobby Holt
with me
& advice

To three our self

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12/16/91 5:45

Mr. President:

✓ Telephone call from Rabbi Arthur Schneier of New York.
(212) 988-6714 or 861-6873

Congratulations on a great moral victory. You started it all.

✓ Vote was 111Y
25N
13A

If you have an opportunity, he would like to talk with you.

RZ

NAME Rabbi Arthur Schneier
SPOUSE Mrs. Elisabeth
SAL OUT Arthur & Elisabeth
DESCR (Dr. Schneier)
CODES DB2 5 CC5 UNKNON KLERGY APNTEE
ISSUES PRAYRZ IZRAEL
FFNAME "Barbara" in. "George Bush" out.
BUSINESS1 President
Appeal of Conscience Foundation
119 West 57th Street
New York City, NY 10019
(212) 535-5800
FACS: (212) 628-2513.
BUSINESS2 Rabbi
Park East Synagogue
163 East 67th Street
New York, NY 10021
(212) 737-6900
LUPDATE 910906
UPDATE BY CT03

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Schneier DOCUMENT= 7 OF 8 PAGE = 2 OF 3
DATES

#D# 3/20/30 Rabbi Arthur Schneier birthday.

PRIV COMM

- . 4/88 His 25th anniversary leading The Park East Synagogue.
- . 89 *Iakavos* recommends him for a post.
- . Armenian involvement.
- . 1990 Park Synagogue's Centennial.
- . 4/91 GB announced his intention to appoint him to be a member of the Commission for the Preservation of America's Heritage Abroad. exp. 2/27/92. He is Chairman.
- . 1990 GB serves as Honorary Chairman for Appeal of Conscience Foundation Dinner.

CONTACT

- . 10/18/90 Attended State Dinner for the PM of Hungary.

CORSPNDNC

- . 5/90 Sent Jewish Heritage Week Proclamation signed by GB.
- . 9/17/90 GB sent Rosh Hashanah greetings.
- . 12/10/90 GB thanks him for letter and crystal sculpture.
- . 3/29/91 He sent Easter greetings to GB and GB thanked 4/18.
- . 6/25/91 GB thanked for birthday gifts.

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Schneier DOCUMENT= 7 OF 8 PAGE = 3 OF 3
. 9/5/91 GB sent HighHolyDays greeting.

I0607 * End of document.

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE: 12-17-91

TIME: 7:45
incoming/outgoing

WITH: Tash Stein

SUBJECT: Zionism

improved Egypt, K'wait ch
abstained

Levy coming today

Playing Fitch more
level.

FOLLOW UP: tough internal situation

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Tuesday
December 17, 1991
7:25 a.m.

PHONE CALL FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JACK STEIN

Regarding yesterday's UN vote.

(He spoke w/ Brent Scowcroft last night, but would very much
like to talk to you personally this morning.

cc: Sam Skinner
Brent Scowcroft

Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

12-17-91

TIME:

4:55
incoming/outgoing

WITH:

David Boren

SUBJECT:

wrote to thank for letter
good politics
to have 4 or 5

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DECEMBER 16, 1991

31 DEC 16 P7:03 *Don*

RECOMMENDED TELEPHONE CALL

TO: GOVERNOR JUDD GREGG (R), GOVERNOR OF
NEW HAMPSHIRE

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1991

LOCATION: VIA TELEPHONE TO GRINNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,
DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE.

TIME: 12:05 P.M. EST

RECOMMENDED BY: DAVID DEMAREST *DD*
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR COMMUNICATIONS

LEIGH ANN METZGER *lam*
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT
FOR PUBLIC LIAISON

JANE BARNETT LEONARD *jl*
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR
OFFICE OF PUBIC LIAISON

PURPOSE: For you to congratulate the participants in
the NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000 kick-off for their
dedication to AMERICA 2000.

To applaud Governor Judd Gregg (R) for
his efforts to make education reform a
reality in New Hampshire.

To encourage New Hampshire communities to
keep you informed of the progress they make
towards achieving educational excellence.

BACKGROUND: Today New Hampshire will become the 29th
state to officially accept your challenge to
launch a statewide effort to help local
communities reach the National Education
Goals by the year 2000.

Approximately 500 K-12 students and 300
administrators, teachers, parents, business
and community leaders, and local and state
officials are gathered at the Grinnell
Elementary School in Derry, New Hampshire to
kick-off NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000.

BACKGROUND
CONTINUED:

Your telephone call to Governor Judd Gregg (R) provides you with the opportunity to thank all of the participants for accepting your challenge to adopt AMERICA 2000 to reach the National Education Goals by the year 2000. Your conversation with Governor Judd Gregg will be heard by all those present at the ceremony. The statewide print press and all local TV affiliates in New Hampshire will cover the kick-off ceremony.

TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION:

1. Judd (Gregg), I wanted to call with congratulations to you and that marvelous team that I understand you've assembled there:

- Charlie Marston, New Hampshire Commissioner of Education
- Dave Brown, Local Superintendent, Derry Cooperative School District
- Dave Jack, Local Assistant Superintendent, Derry Cooperative School District
- Kathleen Murphy, Principal, Grinnell Elementary School
- and everyone else in Derry today.

NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000 is a terrific contribution to the momentum of education reform.

(Others you may wish to acknowledge:)

- Lamar Alexander, U.S. Secretary of Education
- Bill Zeliff, Jr. (R), U.S. Representative (R-first)
- Jack Dowd (R), Mayor, Derry, New Hampshire
- Patricia (Pat) Skinner (R), Chairman, House Education Committee, State House of Representatives
- Rick Willets, Chairman, Derry Cooperative District School Board
- Jean Buchanan, Project Director, Derry Cooperative School District, and member, DERRY 2000 Education Steering Committee

2. Lamar tells me that there is great enthusiasm all across New Hampshire to take up our AMERICA 2000 challenge. He should know, he's been on the road all across the country as AMERICA 2000 states and communities begin their work.

TOPICS OF
DISCUSSION
CONTINUED:

3. How's the day going?
4. Today New Hampshire is showing the country how education reform can happen at the local level, school by school, community by community.
5. Your AMERICA 2000 effort offers a way for the whole community to pull together to help all students learn. I'm impressed with what you are doing and urge everyone in New Hampshire to join this great crusade for our kids.
6. Judd, would you do me one more favor?
7. Give Lamar a homework assignment. Tell him that his boss wants regular reports on how all of your NEW HAMPSHIRE 2000 communities are doing. I want to personally try to keep up with the progress in the states.
8. This is the right program for our country. We've kept this out of the shrill arena of partisan politics. And I just commend Lamar for the way he's brought in people and interests from all over the spectrum. Everyone should feel included in this approach, and I'm sure it's going to work that way in your great state too.
9. Good luck and God Bless America.

PARTICIPANTS
IN THE OVAL
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The President
Jane Barnett Leonard, Associate Director,
Office of Public Liaison

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AT SITE:

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Governor Judd Gregg (R)
Bill Zeliff, Jr., U.S. Representative
(R-first)
Jack Dowd (R), Mayor, Derry, New Hampshire
Charlie Marston, New Hampshire
Commissioner of Education
Patricia (Pat) Skinner (R), Chairman,
House Education Committee, State House of
Representatives

**ADDITIONAL
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Derry Cooperative School District
Kathleen Murphy, Principal, Grinnell
Elementary School
Rick Willets, Chairman, Derry Cooperative
District School Board
Jean Buchanan, Project Director, Derry
Cooperative School District, and member,
DERRY 2000 Education Steering Committee
Approximately 800 invited New Hampshire
administrators, teachers, students,
parents, business and community leaders,
and local and state officials.

**CONTACT PERSON AND
TELEPHONE NUMBER:**

Governor Judd Gregg (R).
(603) 432-1253

DATE OF SUBMISSION: Monday, December 16, 1991.

MEDIA COVERAGE

IN OVAL OFFICE: Wire stills.

MEDIA COVERAGE

ON SITE IN PHOENIX: Open press; Statewide print press; all local
TV affiliates.

ACTION:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DATE: 12/22/91

TO:

Shirley Green

FROM:

ROSE ZAMARIA

Deputy Assistant to the President

The President said he would
like a short note (all right) to
their children. Think it would be
very helpful. This is number 2
from my former Alexander. Although
first range is not reference
in the telephone call. I am
only assuming Mr. Alexander was
given this at the New Hampshire
2000 Kirk - CTS.
Rose

South
Range Students



Look
Into
Future

3:15 P.M.

(This time
has been
confirmed.)

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03a. Memo	From Brent Scowcroft to President Bush (1 pp.)	12/17/91	(b)(1)	S

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03b. Note	Handwritten notes of Presidential Phone Calls with C.A. Perez, Prime Minister Venezuela (6 pp.)	12/17/91	(b)(1)	

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Office: Office of the President

Series: Daily Files

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03c. Talking Points	Points to be Made for Telephone Conversation with Carlos Andres Perez (3 pp.)	n.d.	(b)(1)	S

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Presidential Phone Calls



DATE:

12-17-91

TIME:

4:45

incoming/outgoing

WITH:

Ted Williams

SUBJECT:

little stroke

get along good -

kids - with her for Xmas

(904) 746-5875

FOLLOW UP:

Tuesday
December 17, 1991
7:30 p.m.

INCOMING PHONE CALL FROM BOBBY HOLT

(call came in on x7400)

POTUS TALKED - 7:30 P.M. - 7:38 P.M.



News Summary

OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1991
6:00 A.M. EST EDITION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

YELTSIN SAYS NEW COMMONWEALTH TO TAKE CONTROL OF SOVIET MILITARY -- President Yeltsin on Monday asserted the preeminence of Russia and the other members of the new commonwealth, declaring the leaders of the new alliance were making plans to take control of the military and nuclear weapons. (Washington Post)

U.S. THREATENS TRADE TARIFFS AGAINST CHINA IN PATENTS DISPUTE -- Amb. Hills said Monday she would impose punitive tariffs on \$750 million worth of Chinese goods Jan. 16 if China failed by then to take substantial action to protect U.S. patents and copyrights. (Reuter)

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH APPROVAL RATING SLIPS TO 47% -- Fed by surging doubts about his handling of the economy, President Bush's popularity has fallen to the lowest level of his presidency, with fewer than half of those questioned in the latest poll saying they approve of the way he is doing his job. (Washington Post)

CUOMO CHALLENGES BUSH TO DEBATE -- Gov. Mario Cuomo, angry at reports that the RNC plans to open an Albany office to hound him if he runs for president, has challenged President Bush to a debate. (UPI)

NETWORK NEWS (Monday evening)

RUSSIA -- President Yeltsin told Secretary Baker that Russia intends to take over the Soviet Union's permanent seat in the U.N. Security Council.

APPROVAL RATING -- President Bush's latest approval rating is 47 percent, dropping below 50 percent for the first time ever.

ZIONISM -- The U.N. overturned the 1975 resolution equating Zionism to racism.

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NATIONAL NEWS.....A-6

NETWORK NEWS.....B-1

FOREIGN MEDIA.....C-1

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

YELTSIN SAYS NEW COMMONWEALTH TO TAKE CONTROL OF SOVIET MILITARY

MOSCOW -- President Yeltsin on Monday used a visit by Secretary Baker to assert the preeminence of Russia and the other members of the new commonwealth over the dissolving central government, declaring the leaders of the new alliance were making plans to take control of the military and nuclear weapons.

Yeltsin said Russia would seek the Soviet Union's seat on the U.N. Security Council, and he appealed to Baker for full U.S. diplomatic recognition of Russian sovereignty.

Yeltsin also predicted that Russia would remain a nuclear power while two other nuclear-armed republics in the commonwealth, Ukraine and Byelorussia, would destroy their weapons. Yeltsin said the eventual status of a fourth republic where Soviet weapons are stationed, Khazakstan, still required further discussion. Although Ukraine has said it would like to become a non-nuclear state, there have been some mixed signals from Kiev about how rapidly the weapons would be disabled or destroyed.

Yeltsin promised that nuclear weapons would remain under a unified command, as the U.S. has sought, and President Gorbachev offered similar assurances later to Baker....

Yeltsin's appeal for U.S. recognition of Russian sovereignty and his suggestion that Russia inherit the Soviet Union's seat on the Security Council drew noncommittal responses from Baker, who said he had just learned on his arrival here that the republic would seek such recognition.

"I will report back to President Bush and we will give full consideration to these requests," he said. But Baker repeated several times Monday that the U.S. would seek to avoid becoming involved in details of the internal power struggle here.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

RUSSIA MOVES TOWARD KREMLIN TAKEOVER

MOSCOW -- The Russian parliament dealt another blow to the dying Soviet central government, voting to take over the Kremlin and evict the Soviet Parliament, the independent Interfax news agency said.

The Russian legislature decided Monday it was the rightful heir to the property of the Soviet Parliament, which owns the Kremlin buildings. The legislature also proposed forming a liquidation commission within two days to be headed by the chairmen of the Russian and Soviet parliaments, Interfax said.

(Gregory Gransden, UPI)

KGB CONFIRMS IT GAVE AMBASSADOR DETAILS OF U.S. EMBASSY BUGGING

MOSCOW -- The Soviet KGB confirmed Monday that it gave Amb. Robert Strauss details of how the Soviets bugged the U.S. embassy in Moscow and said Washington could save money by not building a new embassy. It said Presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin were involved in the decision to turn over information about the listening devices planted in the building.

(AP)

TOP CROATIAN LASHES OUT AT U.S. DIPLOMATIC STANCE

ZAGREB -- Croatian Foreign Minister Zvonimir Separovic accused the U.S. on Monday of supporting Serbian 'aggression' in the six-month-old Yugoslav civil war by refusing to grant his battered republic diplomatic recognition.

In the harshest criticism a senior official of this breakaway republic has leveled at Washington, Separovic said that "America is on the wrong side; it is not impartial. It is willing to risk other nations' suffering."...

Separovic said in an interview here that the Bush Administration -- which he accused of pressuring West European nations not to recognize Croatian independence -- "is acting negatively, though maybe in good faith.... It is giving a green light for others who are ready to occupy other countries."

(Blaine Harden, Washington Post, A15)

EC GIVES CONDITIONAL RECOGNITION TO YUGOSLAV REBEL REPUBLICS

BELGRADE -- The EC agreed Tuesday to recognize Yugoslavia's breakaway republics on Jan. 15 if they meet certain conditions, while U.N. observers prepared for possible full-scale intervention in the war between Croats and Serbs. After 10 hours of debate, EC foreign ministers in Brussels said the 12 nations would recognize any Yugoslave republic that complied with a checklist on human rights, ethnic minorities and other concerns. Germany, however, said it would go ahead and recognize the rebel republics of Croatia and Slovenia without conditions. (Reuter)

U.N. REPEALS RESOLUTION LINKING ZIONISM TO RACISM

U.N. -- The General Assembly, responding to a U.S. appeal "to consign one of the last relics of the Cold War to the dustbin of history," Monday repealed its Arab-inspired 1975 resolution characterizing Zionism as "a form of racism and racial discrimination." The vote in the assembly was 111 to 25, with 13 abstentions.

"Today's action removes a terrible blot from the United Nations," said Israeli Foreign Minister David Levy, who was present for the vote. "It ends a conspiracy which wished to distort the truth. For the United States and Israel working together, it was a great moral victory. For the U.N., an injustice was rectified."...

"We believe that with the world's and this body's passage into a new era, it is more than time to consign one of the last relics of the Cold War to the dustbin of history," Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said. "We believe it is time to take this step, thereby recovering for the United Nations its reputation for fairness and impartiality."

Rescinding the Zionism resolution "is not aimed at or linked to the peace process," Eagleburger said.... However, the Israeli foreign minister, speaking with reporters later, made clear that Israel is still reluctant to allow a greater U.N. role in the peace process. "The U.N. has a passive role, but it should not intervene," Levy said. "The parties in the peace process must negotiate directly with each other."

(John Goshko, Washington Post, A1)

VOTE OVERTURNING RESOLUTION AN OBJECT LESSON IN U.S. POWER

U.N. -- The U.N.'s repeal of its 16-year-old resolution equating Zionism with racism demonstrates the diplomatic power of the U.S. and Israel's increased acceptance by the world community.... In Jerusalem, Prime Minister Shamir telephoned President Bush to thank him for his help in overturning the resolution, Shamir's spokesman Ehud Gol said. "The Jewish people will always cherish and remember this American effort," Gol quoted Shamir as saying. (Louis Meixler, AP)

BITTER ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CHARGES MARK SECOND WEEK OF TALKS

As Middle East peace talks entered their second week here Monday, Israeli and Palestinian spokesmen exchanged acrimonious charges over who was undermining the process.

With a dispute involving the status of the Palestinian delegation still unresolved, the Palestinians warned at one point that the talks were in jeopardy and appealed for U.S. intervention to impose a compromise. "We feel we are hurtling headlong into a dead end," Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi told a group of Washington Post editors and reporters Monday afternoon.

(Nora Boustany, Washington Post, A15)

LITTLE HOPE OF BREAKTHROUGH IN U.N. OIL SALES PLAN: SURVEY

NICOSIA -- The U.N. is not close to persuading Iraq to accept its plan for Baghdad to sell \$1.6 billion worth of oil in order to buy food and medicine, a respected newsletter said Monday.... The weekly Cyprus-based Middle East Economic Survey reported in its Monday issue that the U.N. and Iraq will meet Jan. 6-7 in Vienna, but no breakthroughs were expected. "The Iraqis have such a catalog of grievances against the U.N. plan that it is difficult to conceive that any bridging of the gap will be possible in Vienna," it said. (Ed Blanche, AP)

SENATORS NAME SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR 'OCTOBER SURPRISE' INQUIRY

Washington attorney Reid Weingarten was chosen Monday as special counsel to a Senate Foreign Relations Committee panel investigating charges that the Reagan-Bush campaign conspired with Iranian officials to delay release of 52 U.S. hostages until after the 1980 presidential election.... Weingarten's appointment signifies that the "October Surprise" probe is going forward despite the Senate's failure to allocate \$600,000 for the investigation. (Washington Post, A11)

OFFICIAL WARNS U.S. SANCTIONS COULD AFFECT JAPAN'S SECURITY

TOKYO -- U.S. sanctions against an aircraft parts firm which illegally exported weapons systems to Iran could affect Japan's security if imposed for an extended length of time, a Defense Agency official said Monday. Akira Hiyoshi, the agency's administrative vice president, said officials have been sent to Washington to urge the State Department to lift the ban on Japan Aviation Electronics Industry Ltd. The firm has been supplying aerospace equipment to the Japanese Defense Agency. (UPI)

BUSH MAY TALK TOUGH ON JAPAN, BUT IS JAPAN LISTENING?

In the gathering campaign debate over trade policy toward Japan, President Bush has an early advantage over his challengers: He can talk tough in Tokyo next month, and he says he will.

For now, the other candidates can only complain about the President and opine about what he should do. Bush sets the agenda; that's one of the advantages of campaigning from the White House....

In their campaign debate Sunday night, Democratic candidates took turns bashing the President's trade policies.... There was ample advice on his message. "He's going to have to go over there and say, 'The time for fair trade is here -- reciprocity,'" Paul Tsongas said. "'You take our products, we take your products.'"

Gov. Bill Clinton said much the same, adding, "We're going to have to have a clear understanding or retaliate."... Sen. Kerrey said Bush should insist on a Japanese currency revaluation to make U.S. goods more competitive in the marketplace there. "Our President should say, 'Revalue your yen immediately,'" he said.

(News Analysis, Walter Mears, AP)

U.S. THREATENS TRADE TARIFFS AGAINST CHINA IN PATENTS DISPUTE

Amb. Hills said Monday she would impose punitive tariffs on \$750 million worth of Chinese goods Jan. 16 if China failed by then to take substantial action to protect U.S. patents and copyrights.

If tariffs were imposed, the U.S. Customs Service would start collecting them soon after, she said. Hills told a news conference that Assistant Trade Representative Joseph Massey would meet with Chinese officials in Beijing on Saturday and Sunday in one last effort to find an agreement. (Reuter)

TASK FORCE URGES CREATION OF RADIO FOR A FREE ASIA

A special presidential task force Monday challenged the Administration to create a Radio for Free Asia that would beam news about China to the Chinese people, much like the 40-year old U.S. broadcast service to formerly communist Eastern Europe.

The President's Task Force on U.S. Government International Broadcasting, rejecting State Department objections to the plan, said Washington has an obligation to provide "truth" to the people of China at the same time the Bush Administration is pushing for renewal of a preferential trading status for China.

The panel said in its report that despite the close of the Cold War, such direct U.S. communication with foreign citizens should remain a key element of Washington's foreign policy into the 21st century. It said broadcasts to residents of China and the neighboring communist nations of Vietnam, North Korea and Laos would complement existing U.S. diplomatic efforts to encourage democratic political reforms in the region....

Panel member Ben Wattenberg said, "My thought is that the President ought to grab this and say, 'We're for human rights, let's go.'" (R. Jeffrey Smith, Washington Post, A10)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Bush Joins The Pantheon In Tibetan Monastery," regarding President Bush's meeting with the Dalai Lama in April, by Reuter, appears in The Washington Times, page A8.

U.S. TALLIES 7,477 HAITIAN BOAT PEOPLE

The number of Haitian boat people intercepted by the U.S. Coast Guard since the Sept. 30 coup has reached 7,477, the State Department said Monday.... State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said 1,012 boat people so far had been found to have a plausible claim to asylum. (News Services, Washington Post, A10)

HIGH COURT LETTING U.S. KEEP THE NAMES OF HAITIANS SECRET

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that the State Department can withhold the names of Haitians interviewed by American officials after they had been denied refuge in the U.S. and forcibly returned to Haiti....

The Bush Administration argued in 1990 and contends today, as it tries to get a ban on forced repatriations lifted, that no harm comes to Haitian refugees who are taken back to their homeland under a 1981 agreement with the government of Jean-Claude Duvalier. (Barbara Crossette, New York Times, A6)

NAVY CRACKS DOWN AFTER HAITI REFUGEES IN CUBA RIOT

The Navy clamped a lid Monday on the Haitian refugee camp at Guantanamo Bay after hundreds went on a rampage Sunday, tearing down tents and overrunning razor-sharp wire fencing. The camp was "relatively calm" Monday, said Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Gordon Hume in Norfolk. He said the Navy cancelled a trip scheduled Tuesday for reporters to visit refugees. ("Capital Line," USA Today, 4A)

ENERGY DEPARTMENT PLANNING TO STREAMLINE WEAPONS PROGRAM

Cutting back the U.S. nuclear weapons arsenal means fewer workers building missile parts, more people handling nuclear waste products and new efforts to develop more modern production facilities, the Department of Energy says.

Consolidating plants that make non-nuclear parts of nuclear weapons will result in a loss of 4,000 jobs and will save the government \$100 million each year by the middle of 1994, Secretary Watkins said Monday.

"I have taken this step in response to President Bush's initiatives to reduce the nuclear weapons stockpile and to provide a cost-saving to the American public," Watkins said. (UPI)

FARM SUBSIDY DEBATE KEEPS TRADE TALKS STICKY

World leaders have set Wednesday as the deadline for completing the outline of a global trade agreement that would relax trade barriers among 108 nations....

"There has been some progress, but not enough at this stage," Amb. Hills said Monday in a news briefing. "I continue to plan on success and not to speculate on failure" of the talks, she said. "Agriculture still is the toughest part."

(Anne Veigle, Washington Times, C1)

NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH APPROVAL RATING SLIPS TO 47%

Fed by surging doubts about his handling of the economy, President Bush's popularity has fallen to the lowest level of his presidency, with fewer than half of those questioned in the latest Washington Post-ABC News Poll saying they approve of the way he is doing his job.

Bush's approval rating has dropped to 47 percent, marking the first time it has slipped below 50 percent in Post-ABC News surveys. Only about six weeks ago, 59 percent of the public approved of the way he was handling his job. The poll found that 50 percent of those surveyed disapproved of Bush's performance, also the worst rating of his presidency.

Economic insecurities appeared to be driving Bush's decline in popularity, with nearly nine in 10 persons surveyed characterizing the economy as "not so good" or "poor." Only one in 10 said the economy was "good" or "excellent." Just one in four said they approved of Bush's handling of the economy, compared to roughly half of those who were asked the same question in June....

Some Democrats said Monday their candidates missed an opportunity Sunday night to pin more blame on Bush for the state of the economy. "At one point I was concerned that it was a feeding frenzy," said Gary LaPaille, a Democratic chairman in Illinois. "I don't think that looks good for Democrats. It hurts our chances (of beating Bush) in November '92 if people are saying, 'Look at the Democrats feeding on one another.'"

(Richard Morin & Dan Balz, Washington Post, A1)

CUOMO CHALLENGES BUSH TO DEBATE

ALBANY -- Gov. Mario Cuomo, angry at reports that the RNC plans to open an Albany office to hound him if he runs for president, has challenged President Bush to a debate.

Saying the President would not launch attacks on Nebraska, Iowa or the home states of the other official Democratic candidates, Cuomo on Monday urged Bush not to pick on New York's record -- which GOP strategists have called a tempting target -- and debate him face to face instead.

Cuomo invited Bush to "surround himself with the most intelligent paper people he can, with all the books filled with statistics, and he allow me one opportunity to meet with him, on film, and discuss with me my state and his attacks on it."

"I will come, if he likes, without anybody, without any papers, and he can have all the help he wants. And he can sit in a chair and make his case against my state," Cuomo said.

"Give me a chance to address it with you," Cuomo said, addressing Bush. "Stand up and take your best shot. You're the President. You can fight wars. You're a tough guy. If you want to attack my state and its 18 million people...why not come in and do it," Cuomo said.

(UPI)

FIRST LADY TO REGISTER PRESIDENT FOR PRIMARY

CONCORD, N.H. -- Barbara Bush will register President Bush on Wednesday for New Hampshire's presidential primary, supporters said Monday....

"The Bushes have always run aggressive campaigns with lots of personal campaigning in New Hampshire and they have many, many friends here," Gov. Judd Gregg said. "Mrs. Bush's presence reflects that continued commitment and positive relationship with the people of New Hampshire." (AP)

DUKE DROPPED FROM GEORGIA PRIMARY BY REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS

ATLANTA -- David Duke was dropped Monday from the list of candidates opposing President Bush in Georgia's presidential primary by Republican Party officials who cited "his Nazi past."...

"His Nazi past concerns us greatly," said state Republican chairman Alec Poitevant, who told reporters he considers Duke merely a "candidate of the media." The action left Patrick Buchanan as Bush's only rival in the Georgia primary.

(Richard Walker, Reuter)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Get Back In Line," regarding the College Republican National Committee, appears in "Inside The Beltway," The Washington Times, page A6.

BUSH PLEDGES MONEY FOR MADISON MANSION

MONTPELIER STATION, Va. -- President Bush praised Bill of Rights architect James Madison on Monday and promised \$1 million to help save Montpelier, the stately but crumbling 55-room home Madison called the inspiration for the document that defines freedom....

In a huge heated tent behind the house, Bush preached to the choir about how government power is limited by the 10 amendments of the Bill of Rights. (Frank Murray, Washington Times, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "President Bush, Harking Back 200 Years," regarding President Bush's visit to Montpelier, by Sarah Booth Conroy, appears in The Washington Post, page B1.

SKINNER SWORN IN AS CHIEF OF STAFF

Samuel Skinner was sworn in Monday as chief of staff and assumed a low profile, which may indicate less travel at the President's elbow.

It was learned that Skinner won't be on board Air Force One on Dec. 30 for Bush's four-nation Pacific Rim tour. John Sununu will make the 12-day trip in his new role as presidential counselor, according to an official.

Because of the trip's emphasis on improving U.S. exports and creating jobs at home, it has been billed as "domestic," a policy area that is a centerpiece of Sununu's new job.

(Frank Murray, Washington Times, A3)

SKINNER'S 1ST HUDDLE AIMED AT 'TEAMWORK'

Samuel Skinner began his tenure as chief of staff Monday with what one aide described as a "teamwork" speech to the President's senior aides and what others described as an emphasis on delivering a better presidential message to the public....

An Administration official predicted that over the next six months, a "few" White House aides will "drift away" as the new team "blends in with the current people."

Skinner opened the traditional morning senior staff meeting with what one source described as "something of a rah-rah speech, emphasizing that everyone in the White House is part of a team working for the President's best interest. It was a little patronizing since we all know that, obviously."...

A new study of Bush's portrayal on the network evening news shows suggests that if the President has a positive message to offer on the domestic front, it has not gotten through during much of his presidency. His "positive" coverage has occurred primarily during the two military actions, the invasion of Panama and the Persian Gulf War, or during times of high public interest in foreign policy, such as during the Soviet coup attempt....

Robert Lichter of the Center for Media and Public Affairs noted that "the rap on Bush is that he has nothing to say" on domestic issues, so gets no coverage of what he does say. "But he is going to have to learn about sound bites and messages and all these messy things that go with communicating with voters," he said, or allow someone else to continue dominating the national domestic debate.

(Ann Devroy, Washington Post, A19)

SKINNER QUIETLY TAKES OVER FOR SUNUNU AND FINDS A MESS

When Samuel Skinner first viewed the White House staff operation he was about to inherit from John Sununu, he was "somewhat shocked and surprised" at the lack of organization, said an associate, reinforcing a widely held view that the White House was in disarray during Sununu's final weeks on the job.... "He knows the staff needs rejuvenation," said a former top White House official who talked with Skinner last week. "But there won't be any bloodletting with resignations being called for."...

Skinner wants to "shake the place up a little, starting with communications, which he thinks is too spread out," said another former associate of Skinner's at the Transportation Department.

(John Mashek, Boston Globe)

U.S. FACTORY PRODUCTION FELL 0.4% IN NOVEMBER

Production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities fell 0.4 percent last month in the biggest nose dive in eight months, the government said Monday. Analysts predicted that the Fed would heed the new economic distress signal by voting for another round of interest rate cuts when Fed policy makers meet Tuesday to plot interest-rate strategy for the troubled economy.

"The decline in industrial production underscores the urgent need for action by the Federal Reserve," said Allen Sainia, chief economist of the Boston Co. "The manufacturing sector has had a double dip, reviving in the spring through mid-summer, then fading and now fizzling."

(Martin Crutsinger, Washington Post, C1)

EXAMINERS ARE URGED TO EASE UP ON BANKS
Bush Administration Cites Economy's Health

BALTIMORE -- The government's top economic officials Monday urged federal banks and thrift examiners to ease up on the nation's troubled financial institutions in order to promote economic growth.

One of the officials, Deputy Treasury Secretary John Robson, told an unprecedented gathering of nearly 500 examiners from across the country, "You have a tough job. We want you to carry it out in a way that promotes economic growth and protects the public.... You are encouraged to give the benefit of the doubt, even if it might ultimately turn out to be a misjudgment."...

Michael Boskin reiterated the Bush Administration's belief that economic growth will pick up again beginning in the second quarter of next year. Boskin said the "retreat" in bank lending was a factor in the economy's lagging performance. The banking system, he said, "as a whole has been in something of a state of paralysis."

(John Berry, Washington Post, A1)

'GROWING CRISIS' IN CITIES CITED
Mayors Seek Dollar-For-Dollar Match
On U.S. Aid To Poor And Russia

Emergency food requests jumped 26 percent in the nation's major cities this year, while requests for emergency shelter rose 13 percent, the U.S. Conference of Mayors said Monday.

These emergency requests signal a "growing crisis in hometown America," said Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, president of the conference. The figures are based on a survey of officials in 28 cities who monitor activities by government agencies and private charitable groups.

"Something is very wrong in America," Flynn said at a news conference here. He blamed the economic recession and unemployment for the increase in emergency requests for food and shelter.

"We are calling on the President and the Congress to match every new dollar sent to Russia with new dollars to feed needy families in America," said Flynn. "If it is a good policy to feed hungry people in the Ukraine" and other parts of the former Soviet Union, "then why isn't it good to feed hungry people here in the United States?" Flynn said....

Flynn said he was dismayed that in Sunday's 90-minute televised debate among the six Democratic presidential candidates, "these issues" were ignored. (Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Pessimism At The Fed," regarding Alan Greenspan's view of the economy, by Louis Uchitelle, appears in The New York Times, page A1.

ALEXANDER WANTS TO SHAKE UP NATION OVER EDUCATION

Secretary Alexander said Monday he's trying to create "a little, mini-uprising in every state" to shake up Americans out of their complacency about the condition of education in this country.

"We ought not to have a romanticized view of what this country used to be," he said. "This was not a well-educated country. This has not been a country that's valued education in the same way Korea and Japan have with the Confucian tradition.

"People believe the nation's at risk. I don't think people believe they are: 'The nation's got a problem, but my school and my kids are doing OK.' They're not, but most people think they are. That's the single biggest obstacle to what we're trying to accomplish."

(Carol Innerst, Washington Times, A1)

**AHEAD OF THE CURVE ON EDUCATION STANDARDS
Administration Acts As Study Panel Confers**

The Bush Administration has moved to create national achievement standards in history, science and geography even before a study commission makes final recommendations on whether such standards are desirable and feasible.

The early action to determine what students should know and be able to do in elementary and secondary school became apparent Monday at a news conference when Administration officials announced a two-year, \$1.6 million grant to develop academic standards in world and U.S. history. (Kenneth Cooper, Washington Post, A19)

HOUSE PANEL RIPS JUSTICE FOR WASTE IN COMPUTER DEAL

The House Judiciary Committee, after a two-year investigation, says the Justice Department spent millions of dollars on a department-wide computer system that was "underpowered and technologically obsolete, even before the first unit was installed."

The committee's 47-page report concludes that department officials lacked "the necessary management skills and technical competence" to select or run the system and "tolerated or even supported" questionable procurement practices in awarding the multimillion-dollar contract. (Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A4)

U.S. SET TO ISSUE NEW INDICTMENTS IN BCCI PROBE

The Justice Department, accused of dragging its feet in an investigation of the scandal-plagued BCCI, is expected to issue new indictments in the case in the next few weeks....

Authorities said a BCCI task force has interviewed dozens of witnesses and reviewed thousands of documents. Investigators have concentrated on Miami, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Washington and Tampa.

(Jerry Seper, Washington Times, A4)

COURT ALLOWS DRUG TESTING OF APPLICANT
Lawyer Challenging Justice Dept. Requirement Fails To Win Hearing

The Supreme Court on Monday let stand a ruling requiring lawyers applying for jobs at the Justice Department to submit to drug testing.

The court, without comment, refused to review Justice Department lawyer Carl Willner's challenge to the department's mandatory testing for job applicants.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A19)

HIGH COURT REJECTS CURB ON RESERVISTS' JOB RIGHTS
Law 'Silent' About Time Limit On Absence

The Supreme Court ruled Monday that members of the military reserves who are called up for training duty are entitled to return to their civilian jobs no matter how long they are gone.

Writing for a unanimous court, Justice Souter said the Veterans' Reemployment Rights Act, which provides job retention and seniority rights for members of the National Guard summoned to training duty, does not impose any time limit on reservists' absences from their civilian employment.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A4)

COURT TO HEAR MONTANA SUIT ON HOUSE
Justices To Decide Constitutionality
Of Process For Allocating Seats

The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether the formula used by Congress to allocate House seats among the states violates the Constitution. The court said it would review a lower court ruling striking down the system used for the past 50 years to readjust the distribution of the 435 House seats after the census.

Granting a request by the Bush Administration for expedited review of the case U.S. Department of Commerce v. Montana, the court said it would hear oral argument in February or March, with a decision expected before the end of the court's term in late June.

(Ruth Marcus, Washington Post, A4)

U.S. ALTERS RULES ON PEOPLE WITH HIV

The Bush Administration has devised new rules intended to speed Social Security benefits to people disabled by infections with the virus that causes AIDS even if they do not suffer the full effects of the disease.

But lawyers for people infected with HIV expressed disappointment, saying the proposed rules would not sufficiently increase the number of patients who get assistance.

(Robert Pear, New York Times, A16)

NETWORK NEWS

(Monday evening, December 16)

SOVIET UNION/BAKER

ABC's Peter Jennings: We begin tonight with the changing of the guard in Russia. In Moscow today, the Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, told Secretary of State Baker that his republic intends to take over the Soviet Union's permanent seat at the United Nations; that Russia will become the only former Soviet republic to have nuclear weapons. And however much history he has made, Mikhail Gorbachev is rapidly becoming history himself.

ABC's John McWethy reports on the day's events. Boris Yeltsin used Moscow's well-known symbols of power to show Secretary Baker who was in charge. In the past, only President Gorbachev used the ornate Catherine Hall in the Kremlin for high-profile meetings. Today Yeltsin used it as president of the Russian Republic, telling Baker pointedly:

(**Yeltsin:** "Welcome to Russian soil and this Russian building.") More importantly, the surprise member of Yeltsin's delegation was Yevgeny Shapashnikov, head of the military, a man who has been intensely courted by both Gorbachev and Yeltsin. Until today, he had not indicated in any way who he regarded as his boss. His appearance seemed to answer that question: the military appears to be following its paycheck. Yeltsin said the military would take no action with nuclear or conventional forces without approval of civilian leaders of the new commonwealth of republics.

(**Yeltsin, standing with Baker:** "The final decision to launch the forces or use them may be taken only after these consultations.") Having tried to reassure Baker, Yeltsin also had some demands. He wants immediate diplomatic recognition for the Russian Republic, and he wants to take the old Soviet seat at the U.N. Security Council. As for the fate of Gorbachev, Yeltsin was diplomatic.

(**Yeltsin:** "We feel great respect for President Gorbachev. As for his future, it is up to him to decide.")

When Baker later met with Gorbachev in the same grand hall, the president's delegation included only Foreign Minister Shevardnadze and a few loyal advisers -- no members of the military.

(**Gorbachev:** "I think that historic developments are taking place. The Soviet Union is in transition to a different state.")

And no one knows better than Gorbachev that the different state he describes will not have him as its leader.

So Baker's job is to establish relations with the new leadership, to urge respect for such things as human rights and democracy, and to offer help. But what happens next, he concedes, will have little to do with what the U.S. wants. (ABC-Lead)

NBC's Tom Brokaw: Secretary of State Baker is in Moscow tonight, but he'll be on the move again tomorrow morning, visiting the outlying Soviet republics as the U.S. tries now to keep pace with the breakup of the old union. He had a full day today with the new crowd in the Kremlin.

NBC's John Dancy reports on Baker's trip. Baker came to see for himself who is in charge. By tonight, he should have no doubt. Meanwhile, the U.S. wants a promise that the 27,000 Soviet nuclear weapons will be kept in safe hands. Baker appeared to get it when Boris Yeltsin announced that nuclear weapons would be brought under a single, unified command.

(Yeltsin: "We also agreed on strict, expert control over possible delivery of nuclear weapons and technology to other countries and regions.")

Yeltsin also promised that Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Byelorussia will become non-nuclear republics.

(Secretary Baker: "I personally feel very reassured.")

Also at the table today as Baker met Yeltsin was Soviet Defense Minister Shapashnikov. Baker would not discuss his meeting with Shapashnikov later, but U.S. diplomats say privately the defense minister's presence with Yeltsin signaled that the Red Army has now shifted its allegiance to Yeltsin. Baker held only a perfunctory meeting with President Gorbachev. The message is clear: he is respected, but finished. Tonight, Baker and his old friend, Foreign Minister Shevardnadze, held a poignant news conference. It had about it the sadness of farewell. (NBC-Lead)

CBS's Dan Rather reports Boris Yeltsin told Secretary Baker that the new commonwealth of independent states will take over by the end of this month as the successor to the Soviet Union.

CBS's Bill Plante reports on the day's events. Secretary Baker was mostly just a witness to the public transfer of power. When he saw President Gorbachev, it was like a funeral at which the guest of honor was still twitching -- but only barely. And the U.S. even delivered Gorbachev's eulogy.

(Baker, standing next to Gorbachev: "Your political courage in beginning these transformations and carrying them through, in our opinion in the United States, is without parallel.")

The Bush Administration likes dealing with Gorbachev and would have preferred to see him stay. But it got the message today that the Gorbachev era is over; the man himself will be gone soon, and doing business here will be a lot more difficult. (CBS-2)

Jennings reports the Russian Parliament has declared itself a successor to what was the Soviet Central Parliament. The Russians say they will take over all of the Soviet Parliament's property, including its bank accounts. (ABC-3)

Brokaw interviews Sen. Nunn on the Soviet situation.

Brokaw: Should the U.S. be insisting to Yeltsin that we have to have monitoring devices for the command and control of the nuclear weapons in Russia and the destruction in the outlying republics?

Nunn: I think we ought to be taking them up on their offer to assist them in storing, transporting and beginning to dismantle the tactical nuclear missiles. The strategic nuclear missiles are subject to the arms control agreements, and they will be reduced. But the tactical missiles are those that can easily be put in the hands of terrorist groups. Beyond that, I think the assurances Baker got today are comforting....

Brokaw: Will this affect the status of the U.S. alert around the world, in terms of the possibility of a nuclear attack?

Nunn: I don't think so. I think the chances of a deliberate nuclear attack on the United States are less than they've ever been.... But I think the chance of some kind of accident or proliferation of weapons or knowledge from the scientific community that are struggling to find income and from the military community that are struggling to find housing for their own families, I think that danger has gone up. (NBC-2)

CBS's Anthony Mason reports on people's reaction in Moscow to events in the USSR. Life in Moscow is certainly no better than it was a week ago, but somehow people believe something has changed, and something more than just the name of the country. The Kremlin lost its president and its power, and everyone we talked to in Moscow felt their burden was somehow now a little lighter. (CBS-3)

ABC's John Donovan reports on people's reactions. People are realizing that while their leaders are speaking the language of commonwealth and independence, their own lives will, in many ways, stay stuck in the old system for the foreseeable future, depending for now upon the old central government's supply system. Some are finding new ways to do business. At the Moscow Commodities Exchange, young Russians buy and sell goods which the old system cannot. But many people still feel stuck. (ABC-2)

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL RATING

Jennings: Another indication today that President Bush is, at the least, vulnerable to a challenge from the Democrats. In the latest ABC News Poll, the President's overall job approval rating is 47 percent [50 percent disapproved], dropping below 50 percent for the first time and down 12 points in the last two months. He gets particularly bad marks on the economy: 70 percent now say they disapprove of the way he's handling it [25 percent approved]. That is Bush's worst rating yet. When asked who they trust more to do a better job on the economy, more people chose the Democrats in Congress. (ABC-4)

ZIONISM RESOLUTION

Brokaw: There was an historic vote in the United Nations today. The General Assembly finally overturned the 1975 resolution that compared racism to Zionism, the ideology which led to the birth of Israel. As **NBC's John Cochran** tells us, this vote was an important part of the President's Middle East policy.

Cochran: The vote today falls right in line with the President's hope that the U.N. can effectively work for peace everywhere, even the Mideast.

(TV coverage: U.N. ambassadors applauding)

Israeli diplomats had reason to celebrate. Until today, they had to argue their case before an assembly which had condemned them as racists. The condemnation of Zionism came two years after Israel won a close victory in the 1973 war. Arabs, beaten on the field of battle, then looked for diplomatic victories and got them at the U.N., when the old Soviet bloc and Third World countries voted to equate Zionism with racism.

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Cochran continues: But by last fall, President Bush knew Moscow's attitude had softened, and he called on the U.N. to repeal the resolution.

(President Bush, speaking to U.N.: "To equate Zionism with racism is to reject Israel itself, a member of good standing of the United Nations.")

Today, by an overwhelming vote of 111 to 25, the General Assembly bought the American argument.

(Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger, speaking to U.N.: "It is more than time to consign one of the last relics of the Cold War to the dustbin of history.")

At the stalled Mideast peace talks in Washington, Palestinians complained, as expected.

(Sa'eb Erakat, Palestinian delegate: "In our opinion, the practices of the Zionist movement against my people, and their occupation, is the highest form of racism and terrorism.")

But privately even some Arab diplomats say today's vote could be helpful if it convinces Israel that the U.N. is no longer a rigged jury.
(NBC-3, ABC-11)

HOMELESS

Rather: No holiday from the recession. There's no joy in reporting it, but it's true. The ranks of the homeless and the hungry are up sharply and increasing. America's mayors said today they simply cannot meet the rising demand for help without more federal assistance.

CBS's Mark Phillips reports on the new survey released by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which shows that the demand for emergency food was drastically up this past year -- an average of 26 percent. The demand for shelter rose 13 percent. What was already a crisis has been made worse by the recession.

(Mayor Jim Scheibel, St. Paul: "What we have is a double-edged sword. We have one blade that's cutting jobs when we need them, and the other side is cutting the help when we most need it.")

The squeeze on public funds now means that 15 percent of those seeking shelter are turned away. Worse, the voices from the street are getting younger. Today's survey shows that 35 percent of the homeless are now families with children. It's a breeding ground for despair. The mayors had a proposal today:

(Mayor Ray Flynn, Boston: "We are calling on the President and the Congress to match every new dollar sent to Russia with new dollars to feed needy, hungry families in America.")

The mayors got some tragic help in their appeal to official Washington: the other morning, the dead body of a homeless man was discovered less than a block from the White House. (CBS-Lead)

NBC's Robert Hager reports Mayor Flynn says the problem is much worse, in part because of the recession.

(Dan Byrne, shelter director: "What we're finding now that we hadn't found previously would be young homeless families on the street at night.")

But with 30 percent of the homeless mentally ill and 40 percent alcohol or drug abusers, backlash is inevitable. The Conference of Mayors says that for the first time ever, all the cities it has surveyed expect demand for food and shelter to grow even greater in the coming year.

(NBC-4)

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Jennings reports government agencies and private charities which want to help the homeless are helping less because they are short of money. (ABC-6)

ABC's Sheila Kast reports on welfare recipients who are trying to start businesses. Under federal regulations, accumulating more than \$1,000 in assets takes you off welfare. So getting a business loan or buying a truck would cut off a recipient's benefits before that person could produce income from a business. Some states such as Illinois have test programs in which the state assumes welfare costs until a business is off the ground. But few get such help. In Des Moines, Mary Johnson wants to start a business in her home doing medical billing, for which she has nine years' experience. But she cannot risk losing welfare money for her three children and sick mother. She told her story to a congressional committee that is considering legislation to allow welfare recipients to accumulate more assets without losing their benefits.

(Mary Johnson, in testimony: "And if we would just give them a small chance of getting the equipment, getting the software and being able to save a little money, then we would be all right. We could survive on our own.")

Important committee chairmen insist on more study before making such a fundamental change in welfare. But an unusual coalition of conservative Republicans and black Democrats argue that in the meantime, thousands are missing the chance to pull themselves off welfare. (ABC-7)

BILL OF RIGHTS/PRESIDENT

Brokaw: President Bush marked the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights by visiting the Virginia home of James Madison, author of the first ten amendments.

(TV coverage: President Bush visiting home; cheering crowds)

Bush called them a model for all nations.

(NBC-7)

DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

NBC's Andrea Mitchell reports on Sunday's first Democratic debate. What Americans saw was a spirited argument, sometimes more amongst themselves than against the President. On middle class tax cuts:

(Paul Tsongas: "We don't get one iota closer to competing with Japan with a middle class tax cut.")

(Gov. Clinton: "You can't have consumer confidence restored until there's consumer cash. In the '80s, middle-class incomes went down, middle-class taxes went up.")

(Sen. Harkin: "Everyone's talking about a tax break for the middle class, and that's what they're talking about -- [holds up a one dollar bill] -- a dollar a day. One dollar a day for a family.") On massive aid to the Soviet republics:

(Harkin: "Well, absolutely not. I'm all in favor of humanitarian aid for medicine, for example, to get them the medicine.")

(Clinton: "If we get them through the winter and we nourish democracy and the growth of a market economy, we'll generate American jobs.")

Frequently citing his own Vietnam War experience, Sen. Kerrey said President Bush was too timid about helping the Soviet republics, too aggressive toward Saddam Hussein.

Mitchell's report continues:

(**Kerrey**: "And when Secretary of State Baker tried to clarify what it was all about in November of 1990, saying it was jobs, jobs, jobs, I didn't believe that. And if it was true, where are these jobs?")

Marching to his own drummer, Jerry Brown at one point read a newspaper. He spent most of the evening accusing the others of being owned by special interests.

(**Brown**: "Try to follow the money, and then you'll find what the problem is." **Kerrey**: "You seem to be saying that I'm somehow bought and paid for. Is that what you're saying? Are you saying that I'm bought and paid for?" **Brown**: "I'm saying this system -

- " **Kerrey**: "Are you saying that I'm bought and paid for?"

Brown: "I'm saying you're part of the system that's bought and paid for.")

By punching back, Kerrey energized his campaign. Clinton avoided any mistakes. They all ignored the man who wasn't there.

(**Gov. Cuomo**, at press conference: "We'll know by the end of the week, pretty much, whether it's possible to make the New Hampshire primary. I can't tell you because I don't know yet what the condition is going to be with the budget.")

When asked who won, the President pointed to himself. But the race is still very early. (NBC-5)

ABC's Jim Wooten reports on the debate. Only Jerry Brown is sort of famous. There were several squabbles, but what they all agreed on, which is likely to become the Democrats' basic message next year, is that the country is in big trouble, especially the middle class, and the President isn't going to lead the way out of it.

(**Brown**: "The country's coming apart at the seams.")

(**Gov. Clinton**: "The middle class got robbed in the 1980s.")

(**Sen. Harkin**: "George Bush doesn't understand ordinary, hard-working Americans.")

Their solution?

(**Tsongas**: "America needs jobs.")

And jobs, they say, can be created; the economy healed; deficits reduced; social programs like national health care funded; and the middle class restored. All of that, and more, if the government invests more in America and less abroad, less on defense and more on domestic needs. The specifics were scarce, but the candidates all agreed the money is there.

(**Sen. Harkin**: "Let's quit subsidizing Europe and Japan! Let's bring the money home.")

(**Clinton**: "That defense budget was based on the existence of the Soviet Union. That doesn't exist anymore.")

Although nobody leaped out of the crowd last night, nobody was significantly damaged, either. The message of fixing America and not the world isn't likely to change. (ABC-5)

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION

Jennings: The manufacturing sector of the economy remains in a serious slump. Industrial production fell .4 percent last month, the largest decline in eight months. That is raising expectations that the Federal Reserve may cut interest rates again to stimulate the economy. (ABC-8, CBS-7)

TAX LOOPHOLE

Brokaw reports on a loophole for the rich some states have: the "homestead exemption." Some states, like Florida and Texas, offer safe haven from other states' bankruptcy laws and enable people going bankrupt to avoid having to sell off their homes to pay creditors. (NBC-6)

KEATING

Rather reports Charles Keating and four associates pleaded not guilty to federal racketeering and fraud charges in the collapse of Lincoln Savings and Loan. (CBS-8)

WAR ON CANCER

CBS's Edie Magnus reports on the status of the U.S. war on cancer, twenty years old this month. Two decades after President Nixon said everything that can be done will be done, the battle goes on. (Secretary Sullivan: "We still have a mighty struggle on our hands.")

One in three Americans will get cancer during their lives, and only half of those will survive more than five years. Survival rates for many cancers have improved, although not for colon, stomach or pancreas cancer. Early detection methods have allowed doctors to catch the enemy early and check its spread -- but only in patients who can afford to get them. The poor have a 10-15 percent lower survival rate with cancer than more affluent Americans.

(Dr. Harold Freeman, Chairman, President's Cancer Panel: "These people cannot get into the system, and when they get in with cancer they often get in too late with advanced disease. And therefore they die.")

There is hope: scientists say progress in discovering the genes which make tumors form and spread may eventually allow them to identify who will get cancer and who won't, and even to discover a vaccine. (CBS-11)

DEMJANJUK

ABC's Dean Reynolds reports on new evidence in the case of American auto worker John Demjanjuk, accused of being Ivan the Terrible, responsible for operating the gas chambers at Treblinka. Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel, tried and sentenced to death. The new evidence from the recently opened files of the Soviet KGB raises serious doubts about his guilt. The files include testimony from 21 now-dead camp guards who worked at Treblinka, all of them alleging that Ivan the Terrible was a man named Ivan Marchenko. Guards said the man had dark hair and sharp features, in no way resembling Demjanjuk. Defense attorney Yorem Shevtali [ph] insists Demjanjuk must be freed and returned to the U.S. because the specific legal case against him no longer stands up. He says Demjanjuk should never have been extradited because, he claims, officials at the Justice Department's office of special investigation knew about the testimony of the Treblinka guards 13 years ago, but suppressed it. The defense points to a 1978 U.S. government cable to the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, which refers to files from the Soviet Union related to war crimes.

Reynolds continues: The cable, obtained by an Ohio congressman, includes direct references to the same Treblinka camp guard who remembered Ivan the Terrible as someone other than Demjanjuk. The evidence has shaken the Israeli prosecutor. One Israeli government lawyer confided to ABC News, "We never thought it was a safe and sure case," an astounding admission given the death sentence. Sources say their government is now intent on showing that Demjanjuk was a camp guard who committed war crimes. The sources say there is evidence he was a guard at two other concentration camps. That's enough, said one prosecution source, to keep him in jail. Demjanjuk's attorney says under Israeli law, the prosecution cannot simply switch its entire case during the appeal. The hearing will take place next week.

Jennings reports the Justice Department told ABC News today it is reviewing its decision to extradite Demjanjuk to see whether the U.S. made a mistake. (ABC-12)

IRA BOMBING

ABC's John Laurence reports that the Irish Republican Army has struck again, this time bombing the tracks on the subway near Clapham Junction, paralyzing commuter traffic for the rest of the day. In the past three weeks, the IRA has set off approximately 75 firebombs, most preceded by warnings to authorities. British officials believe their strategy is to cause maximum disruption with a minimum of casualties. If the IRA's intention is to wear down the will of the British people to stay in Northern Ireland, it does not appear to be succeeding. Rather, it seems to be reinforcing their determination to stand firm.

(ABC-9, NBC-9, CBS-4)

FOREIGN MEDIA REACTION

MINSK COMMONWEALTH/AID

"First Priority: Success Of Yeltsin's Economic Reforms"

"...If the economy collapses, the ensuing turmoil will sweep away the political structures on which the control of nuclear weapons depend.... The first priority for the West, therefore, is that Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms should succeed.... Western aid is crucial to the plan.... Plenty of uncertainty still surrounds Yeltsin.... He should, however, be given the benefit of the doubt, and given it quickly. Unlike President Gorbachev, he has been elected."
(Independent, Britain)

"We're All Traveling With Baker"

"...The Soviet problems, Secretary Baker said, have to be tackled jointly and effectively by Europe and the U.S. Correct, but this requires a will to see further than the nuclear question, and a commitment to deal energetically with debt relief, food aid and support for the ruble."
(Guardian, Britain)

"U.S. Can Take Lead In Helping"

"The West has won the Cold War. The former opponent is lying on the ground. But...to let him down now would not only be disgraceful, but also a dangerous self-deception. Unlike with the Marshall Plan, the U.S. cannot do it alone. But it can take the lead."
(General-Anzeiger, Germany)

"Europe Should Stay Away"

"...The fact that Baker now suddenly wants to become the locomotive of international aid does not have much to do with humanitarian concerns.... He wanted to improve the climate for his first political appearance in the new republics.... Europe should stay away from this obvious game and continue its own independent aid programs."
(Neue Osnabruecker, Germany)

"Bush's Uncertain Support"

"Regarding the collapse of the Soviet Union, President Bush is not displaying the same energy and determination which characterized his performance in the Gulf crisis a year ago..... Despite the serious difficulties involved, economic aid to the could be organized if America intervened with all its financial and logistical potential. However, one wonders whether in an electoral year Bush really wants to run risks."
(La Stampa, Italy)

"Gorbachev Has Lost, And So Has The West"

"It seems that Gorbachev has lost his battle. But Western nations have lost too, since they were unable to provide concrete support to the only experienced statesman in the USSR."
(Il Messaggero, Italy)

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TV SPOTS WON'T BE THE SAME

Has Sen. Danforth's man
at the FCC just done what
the Senator has only gotten
the Senate to talk about?
An almost universally
overlooked FCC ruling last
week may dictate major
change in 1992's TV ads.

The FCC will now "require
BOTH audio and visual
sponsorship identification"
in campaign ads. In the
past either was adequate,
with almost all ads using
visual disclaimers only.

BAD NEWS: Cutting 4" from
message communication in a
30" spot is a serious step.

GOOD NEWS: It will change
the style (if not the use)
of negative ads, which
frequently try to obscure
visual sponsor tags in tiny
type and bland color while
distracting viewers with
other sounds and pics. (#9)

===== QUOTE OF THE DAY =====

"Stand up and take your best shot, Mr. President. You're
the president. You can fight wars. You're a tough guy."

-- Mario Cuomo, N.Y. POST, 12/17. (#1)

THE APN BULLETIN BOARD

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? ? ? ? OVERLOOKED ? ? ? ?

Dem consultant James Carville returns to the Garden State (Lautenberg, '88) in a NJ Dem-financed bid to restore the fortunes of Gov. Jim Florio.

*1 CUOMO: TAKES OUT NH PAPERS

He "took a final step toward joining the pool" of Dem candidates in the NH primary, "but his supporters said that does not necessarily mean he intends to make the plunge" (Adam Pertman, BOSTON GLOBE). Ex-NH Dem chair Joe Grandmaison said, acting at the request of NY Dem chair John Marino, he picked up presidential declaration forms and was sending them to Marino "by overnight courier." But both "insisted that obtaining the forms was simply part of the preparation process in case [Cuomo] decides to run." Marino: "I have a feeling you'll hear something one way or the other very soon." Asked if Cuomo might skip NH due to NY budget problems and then enter other primaries, Marino said, "Absolutely not" (12/17). Cuomo said "that it would be 'theoretically possible'" to join the race after the 12/20 NH filing deadline "but that he was not sure if it would be practical" (N.Y. TIMES, 12/17). Grandmaison: "It provides them with an option" (BOSTON HERALD, 12/17). Grandmaison "said he had counseled Marino to get Cuomo's signature on the forms and return them 'just in case there's a snowstorm or something' that would prevent them from being filed on time." Marino declined to do that and would hold onto them "and await a phone call from Cuomo. He said Cuomo's desire would be to go to [NH] to file the documents and declare his candidacy in person" (GLOBE, 12/17).

PREVIEW: A "politically feisty" Cuomo "ripped" Sen. Al D'Amato (R-NY) as Bush's "attack dog," then "challenged Bush to a one-on-one debate over the 'nightmare of New York'" (Dicker, N.Y. POST). At news conference, D'Amato criticized the NY budget: "If the governor can't take care of the budget of New York -- which is totally out of control -- how's he going to undertake the economic problems of the nation?" Cuomo: "If Al thinks that the way he can get to be a senator again is by joining the bash-New York team ... that doesn't sound to me like a terrific strategy." Addressing Bush, Cuomo said, "Stand up and take your best shot, Mr. President. You're the president. You can fight wars. You're a tough guy. If you want to attack my state with its 18 million people ... Why not come in and do it?" (12/17).

BUDGET UPDATE: Senate GOPers set up a "major confrontation" with Cuomo over the budget. They said if they had not reached an agreement with Cuomo by today, "which seemed unlikely, they would pass their own plan to close a nearly \$5 billion gap in the state budget." To Cuomo and Assembly Dems, Sen. Maj. Leader Ralph Marino's (R) "announcement served as something of a declaration of political war" (Sack, N.Y. TIMES, 12/17).

WHAT HE'D BRING (CONT'D): AEI's Irwin Stelzer writes, although Cuomo "may seem ethnically alien to many voters outside of his state, he will certainly seem economically and socially closer to them than will the incumbent president." His solutions to problems facing the country "may be wrong," but "he has two advantages": 1) He "seems to care about what is going on in America more than Bush and his closed circle of Texas millionaires and beltway bureaucrats." 2) He "has a coherent view of what he would like America to be -- a truly kinder, gentler society." Should he choose to run, "his vacillation will soon be forgotten" (BOSTON HERALD, 12/16). N.Y. DAILY NEWS' Bob Herbert writes, "The media desperately need Mario. ... Nobody wants to cover the junior varsity. Good, bad or whatever, Mario Cuomo would bring excitement to the arena" (12/17).

MONEY: Although the "conventional wisdom" is that if he runs, "the money will flow his way," Cuomo "faces obstacles" -- including the recession, and the constraints of matching fund deadlines. NC fund-raiser Wallace Hyde: "It's surprising to me that he keeps stretching it out." Also, federal limits on individual contributions "means the mind-set of Cuomo and his existing pool of financial backers would have to be altered" -- Cuomo's war chest from his '90 race has many \$5000+ individual contributions, legal in NY statewide races (Precious, Albany TIMES UNION, 12/16).

*2 BROWN: WILL CONTINUE TO "ASSAULT THE CITADEL"

Header over BOSTON HERALD piece: "Brown vows to keep up maverick maneuvers." Wayne Woodlief reports Brown claimed a "breakthrough" in his campaign, and netted \$150K from his 800-number appeal on the debate 12/15. Brown: "I will not be silenced. I'll do it at every debate. The 800 number ... gives access to the people who can't go to the gourmet dinners. ... 3000 to 5000 people called our headquarters." He "shrugged off criticism": "I do become exuberant on occasion. To assault the citadel with dignity and elegance is not learned overnight" (12/17). BOSTON GLOBE's Jack Farrell: "Party leaders seethed. The competition fumed. But ... Brown vowed [12/16] to step up his attacks on the American political establishment and its bankrollers, even if he pulls the party down in the process." In fact, he said, "that is sort of what he has in mind": "The essence of this campaign is to expose a system that is broken. If that awakening is a painful process, so be it." Dem sources say the "party hierarchy ... was searching for a way to nudge the candidate off the national stage." Clinton, the target of "special scorn" from Brown: "I don't think he hurts anything as long as we know how to answer him and how to handle him" (12/17).

REVIEWS: GLOBE's Robert Turner: "Brown acted like the rankest of rookies" (12/17). W. POST's Mary McGrory: "He was throwing spitballs and tossing notes ... practically begging to be sent to the principal's office" (12/17). POST's Dionne & Edsall: "By provoking a slugfest in which [Dem] acrimony overshadowed criticism of ... Bush, Brown helped prevent any other [Dem] from gaining much in the way of stature. As a result, Brown may have been of most help" to Cuomo (12/17). ACU's David Keene on Brown: "The fact that the American people are upset with the political leadership of the country, doesn't mean they want to replace it with an outraged space cadet." "Crossfire," host Michael Kinsley noted Brown had been invited to appear on the last night, but would not agree not refrain from mentioning his 800 number (CNN, 12/16). WASH. POST's John Carmody notes CNN "is a little sensitive on the issue." On a recent "Larry King Live" appearance, Brown "made frequent mention of his 800 number." CNN pres. Tom Johnson said last night's call "was not a binding policy. Our lawyers are studying the implications" (12/17).

*3 CLINTON: "HE DAMN WELL BETTER LIGHTEN UP"

NH Assn of Broadcasters exec. VP Allen Sprague is "taking [Clinton's] campaign to task over its demand for free air time if radio stations keep running advertisements critical of him" (Oman/O'Neal, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE). Clinton's campaign has sent letters to NH outlets, "warning them" if they continue to air the ads by the AR-based ARIAS, the campaign would "demand free response time" (see HOTLINE 12/16). Sprague: "He damn well

better lighten up. That's absolute hogwash, which is the best word I can use in a family newspaper." He said Clinton's attys "weren't reading the same rules I've read" (12/17).

REVIEWING THE TROOPS: At a Little Rock news conference, Clinton said some of his rivals at the debate "behaved like 'a bunch of kids in the schoolyard'" (O'Neal, DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE). He said Brown "hurt himself ... Brown spent more time hustling money from people than anyone on that stage." He also hit Kerrey and Harkin for accepting PAC money, and praised Tsongas: "I think that he and I are the two people who have given by far the most thought to what we would do if we actually got elected" (12/17). W.S. JOURNAL's Tim Ferguson reviews his recent breakfast with Orange Co. CA business leaders (12/17). AEI's Ben Wattenberg: "Clinton had an opportunity to hit a weekend trifecta, and didn't ... Clinton did no better than stay with the pack" (N.Y. POST, 12/17). USA TODAY's Adam Nagourney writes the "shift in emphasis" to economic issues in the Dem campaign "should most help ... Clinton, who has from the start crafted a sophisticated economic program to appeal to blue-collar voters" (12/17). Dem consultant Bob Squier, not working for any candidate, on Clinton's reserved debate performance: "If that's presidential, he should go back to gubernatorial" (N.Y. TIMES, 12/17).

THINGS TO COME? Though he doubts Cuomo will run, Morton Kondracke previews a Clinton-Cuomo battle: "Even though 'liberal vs. conservative' may be an obsolete construct, it's not clear that [Dem] primary voters will see it that way, and they do tend to favor candidates with the 'liberal' label." Dems "may not be ready yet to make a leap to a reform candidate if his adversaries tag him as 'conservative' or 'Republican.'" Some Clinton aides "say this is OK." One aide: "My dream is a Cuomo-Clinton ticket in which Clinton performs brilliantly, while Cuomo and the old religion get clobbered once and for all. Then Clinton is the front-runner for 1996." It's a "cynical dream, but possibly a realistic one" (ROLL CALL, 12/16 issue).

*4 POST-DEBATE ANALYSIS: DAY TWO OF THE CAMPAIGN SPIN MACHINES

In an editorial, the N.Y. TIMES, a former stand-in presidential candidate, reviews the performances of its six successors: Brown -- "the only clear loser." Wilder -- "readier to offer slogans than a substantive message." Harkin -- "looked" and "sounded" like Hubert Humphrey. Tsongas -- "has a developed policy message but his calm wit sometimes seemed sour." Clinton -- "resisted efforts to bait him," but also "demonstrated how devoutly candidates worship at TV's Sound Bite altar when he crudely characterized [Bush] as Scrooge." Kerrey -- "remained clearer ... in urging fundamental reform than in detailing what he has in mind" (12/17). Dem consultant Bob Squier said Kerrey "got in the living room and left everyone else in the studio" (LINCOLN JOURNAL, 12/16). SD Dem chair Jeff Masten: "Brokaw should have had a gong. If we have debates out here, I think we will definitely have a gong" (WASH. POST, 12/17). WASH. POST's Howard Kurtz analyzes the debate under subhead, "Pundits Rate Kerrey the Winner, but voters May See Things Differently": "What the political junkies forget is that their criteria are very different from those of the average, marginally interested voter" (12/17). Harkin adviser Toby Moffett said Harkin "did not attack Clinton and had no plan to do so." He said Harkin told him that he "held back" from attacking Kerrey: "But given the way Brown was conducting himself, (Harkin) didn't want to play into the hands of those who want to say 'He's too hot ... He's too wild.'"

He didn't want to look like Brown." Kerrey: "It felt good. It always helps after a debate when everyone says you won it." But he added: "What matters to me is not a victory. I want to challenge America" (OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, 12/16).

TV: ABC's Jim Wooten: "Each tried hard to separate himself from the others, to identify himself with the country. ... Although nobody leaped out of the crowd last night, nobody was significantly damaged either. So while all these candidates go looking for better ways to deliver their message, the message of fixing America and not the world, that message itself isn't likely to change" (12/16). NBC's Andrea Mitchell: "Frequently citing his own Vietnam war experience, Kerrey said George Bush was too timid about helping the Soviet republics, too aggressive towards Saddam Hussein. ... Marching to his own drummer, Jerry Brown at one point read a newspaper. He spent most of the evening accusing the others of being owned by special interests.

... [Clip of Brown and Kerrey arguing] By punching back, Kerrey energized his campaign. Clinton avoided any mistakes. They all ignored the man who wasn't there" -- Cuomo (12/16). Michael Kinsley: "Conventional wisdom was that three men won: First ... Kerrey, for standing out in the crowd, and standing up to Jerry Brown. Second ... Cuomo, for not being there at all. ... And third ... Bush, because the Democrats took too much aim at one another, and not enough aim at him." Dem consultant Ann Lewis said voters "heard more discussion about the issues that are on their minds in 90 minutes, than George Bush has given us in three years. ... When Democrats sort of contest for a nomination, they don't all agree with one another, unlike George Bush, Pat Buchanan, and David Duke." ACU's David Keene on Cuomo: "He's partly responsible ... for diminishing that crew, by standing outside it all and looking down on them" ("Crossfire," CNN, 12/16). On the debate, NBC reported an overnight share of 8 from 25 major markets -- a 4.6 rating (4.2M homes. CBS' "60 Minutes" drew a 35 share -- 22.1 rating, 20M homes (Gwen Ifill, N.Y. TIMES, 12/17).

*5 DEM ROUND-UP

KERREY: The NE restaurant chain in which Kerrey is a 35% owner "has been cited by the Labor Department for 166 violations for federal child labor laws and fined \$64,000" (Swoboda/Stencel, WASH. POST). The violations -- "most of them involving illegal working hours for teenagers" -- are "not uncommon in the restaurant and fast food industry." Kerrey press sec. Steve Jarding said Kerrey "has not been active in the management of the restaurant chain" since he was elected Gov. in '82. He added Kerrey would be "upfront" about the probe. Kerrey brother-in-law/co-founder Dennis Rasmussen said he was "clearly at fault.

... I realized I was in violation of federal law and ... I realized it would certainly be an embarrassment to Bob." He said Kerrey, "while kept 'apprised of big-picture issues' ... is not involved in day-to-day operations and was unaware of the violations before" the Labor Dept. probe. While the "majority" of the violations involved teens working beyond legal hours, "at least four of the charges ... involved teenagers working with hazardous equipment" -- like a meat slicer. In addition, one 15-year old was "discovered working as a cook" (12/17).

TSONGAS: Under header "He's No Moderate," Manchester UNION LEADER editorial reviews past Tsongas statements on the U.S. invasion of Grenada: He "lined up with leftists" who opposed the

action (12/17).

WILDER: Header over Newport News DAILY PRESS article: "Wilder whispers the 'T-word.'" Addressing the VA Assy, Wilder said he is "open to a 'general tax increase,' but only if the [Assy] will propose it and only if the Republicans go along." Dem and GOP leaders both "immediately rejected the idea" (Kemper, 12/17). W. POST's John Harris: "Unlike President Bush, Wilder never took a 'read my lips' vow ... But his wording today was a clear shift from the past two years" (12/17). N.Y. POST's "Page Six" reports Wilder and sometime companion Patricia Kluge, "the soft-core-porn model turned socialite are planning to embark [12/20] for a caliente cruise up the Amazon River." Wilder press sec. Glenn Davidson denied the story and said Wilder will instead be in Richmond. Wilder "appointed Pat to the [UVA] Board of Visitors" (12/17).

TEXAS: DALLAS MORNING NEWS' Carolyn Barta writes the campaign "has started full force." In the past 10 days, Kerrey, Harkin and Clinton visited Dallas. "And word is [Cuomo] has been phoning around trying to locate a Texas finance chief." Wilder and Tsongas have also made visits, but Brown "has failed to beam in here this year. Clinton clearly has a head start in Texas, with organizational efforts well under way." And of the 3 most recently in the state, Clinton "shows the greatest interest in issues of special concern in Texas." Kerrey, who will be in Dallas this week, "is just beginning to build a Texas framework." Kerrey strategists "are looking for a Clinton-Kerrey race" in TX (12/16). Columnist Jesse Trevino asserts, "The candidate who goes out and captures the Latino [Dem] vote in Texas can win the state's primary and claim he carried the largest state in the south. ... Many of the same Hispanic politicians who got behind Dukakis early have materialized in Clinton's corner. If the Hispanic [Dem] vote makes up between a quarter and a third of the vote on primary day, Clinton will win Texas." Trevino also notes Clinton TX campaign chair/Land Commis. Garry Mauro (D) "has stronger ties by far to the Latino community than does" LG Bob Bullock (D), whom "Kerrey is counting on to deliver Texas." Cuomo "might have proved a natural among Hispanic voters. But he waited too long" (AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN, 12/16).

*6 BUSH/GOP ROUND-UP

"In a speech commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, amid references to high principle and power, President Bush ... threaded his own election-year argument: that the principles of the limited Government adopted by the Founding Fathers are reflected in the policies of the Bush administration" (Wines, N.Y. TIMES). Speaking at James Madison's Montpelier, VA estate, Bush "made no explicit pitch for votes or blunt attacks on his [Dem] challengers. ... But along the way, Mr. Bush repeatedly suggested that Madison and other founders would frown on what he described as the liberal fiscal and legislative habits of today's government" (12/17). Bush said the Framers recognized that "man-made laws and government are not a panacea for human problems. ... Paternalism is just a sugar-coated tyranny." He added that "freedom is the key to economic growth" and Americans should "look first not to big government but to the incentives and efficiency of free markets in addressing such problems as protecting the environment" (W. POST, 12/17).

FIRST DAY ON THE JOB: When newly-sworn in WH CoS Sam Skinner "first viewed the White House staff operation he was about to inherit from John Sununu, Skinner was 'somewhat shocked

and surprised' at the lack of organization, according to one associate, reinforcing a widely held view that the White House was in disarray during Sununu's final weeks on the job" (John Mashek, BOSTON GLOBE). Assuming his new position yesterday, Skinner "promised an 'orderly process' of change." One ex-top WH official: "He knows the staff needs rejuvenation. But there won't be any blood letting with resignations being called for" (12/17). Skinner began his tenure "with what one aide described as a 'teamwork' speech to the president's senior aides and what others described as an emphasis on delivering a better presidential message to the public" (Ann Devroy, W. POST). One WH source called it "something of a rah-rah speech, emphasizing that everyone in the White House is part of a team working for the president's best interest. It was a little patronizing since we all know that obviously." Skinner brought with him 6 aides from Transportation. One admin. official "predicted that over the next six months, a 'few' White House aides will 'drift away' as the new team 'blends in with the current people'" (12/17). Skinner won't accompany Bush on his 12-day Asian tour starting 12/30. Sununu will make the trip in his new role as counselor to the President (Frank Murray, WASH. TIMES, 12/17).

NH: House Small Business subcmte on business opportunities and energy chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) asked, in a letter to Small Business Admin. dir. Pat Saiki, that the SBA provide the panel "with information about a [NH] project that was part of a sudden flow of federal aid" to NH. Wyden wrote that questions "remain unanswered regarding the genesis, intent and timing of this project." The SBA announced 12/11 NH would be the first state to benefit from a program guaranteeing loans to businesses if their lending institutions fail. Wyden said the 12/11 announcement "was his first knowledge of the program, although 'it would appear that minority committee staff were involved or at least consulted.'" Dems and Buchanan charge the program, and a "sudden influx" of other federal projects, "appear to be politically motivated" (Manchester UNION LEADER, 12/17).

QUAYLE: VA Dems agreed 12/14 "to bring a formal complaint that ... Quayle broke federal election law when he billed taxpayers for a visit last month to a Virginia Beach political group affiliated with the Christian Broadcasting Network." The complaint will ask the FEC "to rule on the nature of Quayle's appearance before the Christian Coalition, a political-action group" backed by Pat Robertson. WH and Christian Coalition officials "contend the trip was non-political, akin to visiting a local Chamber of Commerce" (Norfolk VIRGINIAN-PILOT, 12/15).

*7 BUCHANAN: THE ANTI-SEMITIC THING

BUFFALO NEWS' Doug Turner writes under header, "Somebody ought to expose Pat Buchanan for what he really is": He "crawled onto the national stage from the ugly underside of the conservative movement -- picking up the cracked lance dropped by another self-styled 'Catholic,' the demented alcoholic Sen. Joseph McCarthy." He "never saw a foreign war he didn't like until Israel thought its back was against the wall." Wm F. Buckley in NATIONAL REVIEW "suggests Buchanan may not really be anti-semitic. But there really can be no doubt of it. None" (12/16). Columnist Richard Cohen also discusses Buckley's piece: "Buchanan, with the acquiescence of much of Washington, has used language that Jews and blacks find offensive -- and experienced little in the way of rebuke" (W. POST, 12/17). Under header: "Buchanan is more dangerous than David Duke," columnist Jack

Newfield writes, He is the "more legitimate and attractive messenger. But his underlying message is no different" -- he is "intolerant of The Other." Newfield details Buchanan's columns going back to the '60s, "This column is to prove that Buchanan is also biased against blacks and gays" (N.Y. POST, 12/17).

IN THE CROSSFIRE: Manchester UNION LEADER editorial header: "How Refreshing." Buchanan was asked "several sticky questions, expressed his convictions with complete honesty. No begging the question. No dodging the issue. No weasel-worded reply" (12/17). Columnist Cal Thomas writes, he will "force a largely reactive President to either respond to his ideas or begin to convincingly state his own" and "ignite a debate on where we should be heading." Bush "must create a 'new American agenda' to replace the bland New World Order that never caught on" (12/17). Columnist Mike Barnicle notes, "Buchanan is Duke with jowls and verbs. He's the engaging tough guy who wants to beat up all of America's enemies. Here is his basic policy position: Give them a good slap. You can fill 'them' in the privacy of your own mind. He's a real Harry Hard-Bar" (BOSTON GLOBE, 12/17). Under header, "Pat Buchanan will force globalists to justify having sold us out," ORLANDO SENTINEL's Charley Reese writes Buchanan "does nothing else but force the internationalists to defend their position in a fair debate" (12/15). Columnist Jeff Greenfield writes he is "carrying out a new and exciting career opportunity for those of us who ... went from doing politics to talking about it. ... Like Moses, he may not get there, but Pat is pointing the way to the Promised Land" (N.Y. POST, 12/17).

SOLID SOUTH: NC: He will "open a Southern front" against Bush in Raleigh "without the active backing" of Sen. Jesse Helms' (R) "top" aides Tom Ellis and Carter Wrenn -- "conservative heavyweights with national reputations" who are working for ex-Sec/Commerce "Lauch" Faircloth (R) for Senate. Buchanan NC chair/Pat Robertson '88 NC co-chair Boyd Cathey: "We are going to get a lot of supporters for Buchanan who are also strong supporters of Helms' [org] down here." Buchanan spokesperson Gregg Mueller: "We are going to [NC] to show, even this early, that we have a presence in the South" (Hallow, W. TIMES, 12/17). SC: Columbia STATE's Lee Bandy writes, "It makes good sense for [SC] to hold" a 3/7 primary. It gives GOPers a chance to "repudiate" Duke and "humiliate" Buchanan (12/15).

*8 DUKE: IT'S MY PARTY AND I CAN RUN IF I WANT TO

GA state GOP leaders "booted" him off the GOP primary ballot, as GOP chair Alec Poitevint, Sen. Min. Leader Tom Phillips, and House Min. Leader Paul Heard met with Sec/State Max Cleland (D) to have Duke's name deleted from the list. Poitevint: "There is no room for disciples of Hitler on the Republican presidential ballot" (Mark Sherman, COX/ATLANTA CONSTITUTION). Bush pol. dir. Mary Matalin "denied that the [WH] had explicitly pressured [GA GOPers] to delete Mr. Duke's name from the list drafted" by Cleland, but said she was "delighted" by the move: "If they call and say, 'Do you want him off?' we say, 'We think he is not a Republican and therefore should not appear on the ballot.'" Though Poitevint "said party leaders arrived at their decision to veto Mr. Duke independently," Heard, who earlier "said he would not oppose the primary challenge" to Bush, "said Mr. Poitevint had cited pressure from the national party when asked he asked Mr. Heard to change his mind." Heard: "I can't say no to George Bush." Duke spokesperson Mark Ellis on the decision "by three party bosses": "As a Republican

candidate, David Duke garnered 1.3 million votes in two elections." Duke can "appeal the decision" to the same GOP cmte 1/8 or "sue the state for a spot in the primary" which could drain Duke's "time and resources" (12/17). "Unless Duke can reverse the [GA] decision, his first primary states" are likely to be MD and possibly CO which votes 3/3 (Paul West, Balto. SUN, 12/17). Manchester UNION LEADER header: "Duke aides predict he'll make it in Mass." Andrea Estes profiles Melvin Goldstein, a Brookline, MA "Jew whose son is a rabbi," but is collecting signatures to get Duke on the ballot. Goldstein "opposes Duke's right wing politics": "I say he's got a right to be on the ballot. That's the only reason I'm here. If it kills me, I'm gonna see David Duke get on the ballot" (12/17).

PRO BALLOT ANTI-DUKE: Columnist Mike Barnicle writes, "Duke is simply a buffed-up, race-baiting, anti-Semitic moron who is in love with the idea that some poor fools will actually wait in line to kiss the hand that scratches so many of the open sores that now dominate politics." The decision not to give him a ballot spot is "ludicrous. Even the governor, 'Croissants' [Bill] Weld [R], wants Duke listed." He "must be on the ballot because all of us ought to know our enemy. And if elections are about information and if knowledge can truly set you free, let's hear and let's see where his words connect. And why?" (BOSTON GLOBE, 12/17). BOSTON HERALD editorial header: "Duke deserves ballot spot": "If this isn't a serious candidacy, then the term has lost all meaning. ... Making a martyr of Duke, bending the law to defeat him, is a stupid strategy" (12/17). Under header, "Let the creep Duke it out in state primary," MIAMI HERALD's Carl Haasen writes, "Ironically, his foul presence in the primaries might actually help the president. ... Duke might behave so odiously that he'll inspire thousands to turn out (as they did in Louisiana) to vote against him" (12/15). Rep. George Miller (D-CA) writes in CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR under header: "The Republicans and Duke -- a Rhetorical Continuum": "Duke's images of welfare mothers breeding to qualify for larger checks conforms nicely to Ronald Reagan's highly effective image of a welfare mother tooling around Sacramento in her Cadillac" (12/17).

***9 AD WATCH: FCC REQUIRES AUDIO DISCLAIMER IN CAMPAIGN SPOTS**

In a ruling with significant implications for the '92 race, the FCC 12/12 "clarified the interpretation and application of its political broadcasting rules." In addition to clarifying broadcasters' responsibilities with regard to "reasonable access" to desirable broadcast time (and the lower rates set aside for political candidates), the FCC also gave considerably more discretion to stations in enforcing its new "interpretations" of standing law. SPECIFICALLY, the FCC now explicitly requires "BOTH AUDIO AND VISUAL sponsorship identification for television advertisements." Stations will still be permitted to request pre-screening of any spots submitted by campaigns. If stations are not satisfied that spots submitted for broadcast meet FCC criteria, the station "should advise the candidate that it will TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY to add the appropriate sponsorship identification to the submitted material" (FCC release, 12/12). People for the American Way spokesperson John Gomperts characterized the ruling as a partial victory for his group, saying PFAW would review the effectiveness of the new law after the '92 cycle runs its course (HOTLINE interview, 12/12).

*10 PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE MEDIA MARKET SCHEDULES

	12/17	12/18	12/19	12/20	12/21
BROWN 213/449-1992 I. Wachtel	Manchest. NH	ME NH	Health Forum NH	CA	CA
CLINTON 501/372-1992 R. Mintz	FL Columbus, OH	NH	Boston NH Atl., GA	Atl., GA TN	Little Rock, AR
HARKIN 301/656-1992 L. Voles	DC Chicago, IL	PA NH	NH	NH	DC
KERREY 202/393-4110 S. Jarding	TX	Dallas, TX	Health Forum NH	NH	NH
TSONGAS 617/422-0100 A. Freed	MA	Boston, MA	Health Forum, NH ME	Seattle, WA	Boston, MA
WILDER 703/218-5000 E. Easter	VA				
CUOMO	Syracuse	Albany	NYC	Albany	Albany
BUCHANAN 703/790-9292 G. Mueller	DC Raleigh, NC	Atl., GA	NH	NH	DC

AGRAN: 12/17-25 -- NH

LAUGHLIN: 12/17 -- NH

DUKE: Not travelling until 1/92

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*11 SUPREME COURT AGREES TO HEAR MONTANA CASE

"Acting with unusual speed," the Supreme Court agreed to hear the U.S. govt.'s appeal of a 10/91 three judge Federal District Court panel's ruling that the 1941 formula for allocation of CD's was unfair to MT. The panel found the formula "ignored" the "goal of equal representation for equal numbers of people" (Linda Greenhouse, N.Y. TIMES, 12/17). The Court "indicated the urgency of the [MT] case ... by granting the state's request for accelerated proceedings so that the Justices can rule by spring" (Paul Barrett, W.S. JOURNAL, 12/17). MT has "urged" the adoption of a method that would give it an additional CD while WA would lose one of its current 9 CDs. In urging the SC to overturn the MT ruling, Solicitor General Kenneth Starr said the one-person, one-vote principle "applied only" to redistricting within state borders, not the apportionment of seats among the states (Ruth Marcus, WASH. POST, 12/17).

*12 STATE UPDATE

CA (+7): Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-42) "has planted his pennant in the new, dream Republican" 45th CD. This "pre-emptive strike, seen as a power grab, has triggered a bitter exchange with another safe incumbent," Rep. Bob Dornan (R-38). Dornan is "demanding the coastal area on the basis of seniority," and has suggested Rohrabacher "shift back" to the new 36th. Rohrabacher "has refused. The impasse sets up a game of political 'chicken,' and the possibility of a bizarre GOP primary in the 45th" (CALIFORNIA EYE, 12/16). Rep. Randy Cunningham (R-44) announced he will run in the new 51st CD (release, 12/12). "Cunningham's decision may damage [GOP] chances to gain a majority of the seats in the state's House delegation, which will swell" to 52. The "fanatical warfare between" Cunningham and Rep. Bill Lowery (R-41), who announced his candidacy for the seat 12/6, "is getting nasty" (Tim Curran, ROLL CALL, 12/16).

KY (-1): A remap plan that would pair Reps. Chris Perkins (D-07) and Hal Rogers (R-05) won "easy approval" in KY's Senate. House Dems plan to discuss remapping "in a private caucus" today (Cross/Lawson, LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, 12/17).

MD (0): "After weeks of shopping for a political haven," Rep. Tom McMillen (D-04) has decided against a bid for the majority-black 4th CD and to run instead against Rep. Wayne Gilchrest (R-01) in the more-conservative 1st (Tom Bowman, Balto. SUN, 12/14). The decision came "in part because [4th CD] voters would have considered him 'the bad guy' in a racially charged campaign" (W. POST, 12/14). McMillen, who has a \$500,000 war chest, is expected to outspend his opponents. But some say he has "hurt his chances by searching for a [CD] and then delaying a decision" (SUN, 12/14). Saying Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-05) "can be beaten," real estate broker Larry Hogan announced his challenge to Hoyer for the new 5th CD. This is the "clearest indication yet" GOPers "hope to give Hoyer his toughest challenge" since taking office 10 years ago. NRCC exec. dir. Tom Cole said Hogan entered the race at the "request" of the NRCC and it's "extremely likely" Hogan will receive top funds from the NRCC (W. POST, 12/17). Public employee labor unions plan to endorse state Sen. Albert Wynn (D) in the 4th CD race (W. POST, 12/14). A 3-judge federal panel will issue a ruling on Anne Arundel Co.'s challenge

to the remap by 12/20. The suit asks the court to throw out the remap because it divides the county among 4 CDs (SUN, 12/14).

MA (-1): The Supreme Court decision to hear the MT case has "kept alive the hope" that MA could win back its 11th CD. Special asst. state atty Edward Leibensperger said the Court could decide to base the '92 elections on current CDs or on a new formula. Leibensperger has filed his own case in District Court, but a decision there is unlikely until the Sup. Court case is resolved. MA would gain back its 11th CD at the expense of OK (Connolly, BOSTON HERALD, 12/17). Barring a change, the most likely plan would force Reps. Chet Atkins (D-05) and Joe Early (D-03) to run "head-to-head" next year. He also "criticized" the GOP -- and particularly Gov. Weld (R) CoS John Moffit -- "for trying to tailor" a Merrimack Valley CD for ex-Rep. Paul Cronin (R) (Connolly, HERALD, 12/12). Cronin and Weld economic official Dan Daly (R) are two of the GOP's "most politically attractive" potential candidates (HERALD, 12/12). Both are waiting for the remap to be completed before making any decisions -- "a situation that clearly helps the [Dem] incumbents. [MA] has waited longer than any state to get its remap underway" (ROLL CALL, 12/16).

OR (0): OR's remap went into effect Monday, after the state Leg. "failed to second-guess" a plan approved by a federal court. A 3-judge panel said the compromise plan it adopted two weeks ago would become law if the Leg. did not approve different boundaries by 12/16 (Portland OREGONIAN, 12/16). Businessman/ex-cong. aide Gary Conkling (D) is seeking the 1st CD vacated by Rep. Les AuCoin (D) (OREGONIAN, 12/12).

TX (+3): GOPers asked a 3-judge panel to "throw out" the Leg. remap plan, which they say dilutes minority voting strength, and replace it with a plan that would make Rep. Martin Frost's (D-24) CD 50% minority. The plan would also add GOP territory to Rep. Pete Geren's (D-12) CD and make Rep. John Bryant's (D-05) a GOP-leaning seat. The panel has not given any indication as to when it will issue a ruling (FT. WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, 12/13).

VA (+1): Rep. Jim Olin (D-06) said Monday he will not seek a sixth term, opening his seat to a slew of candidates awaiting his decision. Possible Dems: state Sen. Granger MacFarlane, attys John Edwards and John Fishwick. Possible GOPers: Atty Bob Goodlatte, who will declare his candidacy 12/18; atty Willis Anderson, Botetourt Co. architect Don Duncan, Augusta Co. Del. Emmett Hanger and ex-Rockingham Co. Del. Phoebe Orebaugh. Rep. George Allen (R-07), who was grouped with Rep. Thomas Bliley (R-03) in the redrawn 7th, "said he's still weighing" a move into the 6th. But his support "appears to be crumbling as many Roanoke Valley Republicans who had urged Allen to move are now lining up behind Goodlatte" (Dwayne Yancey, ROANOKE TIMES & WORLD-NEWS, 12/17).

*13 IDAHO: BECK TO LEAN ON PRO-LIFE FORCES

"There's no question" where ex-Senate Maj. Leader Rod Beck (R) will get his strongest support for the seat of retiring Sen. Steve Symms (R). At his announcement, "the room was packed" with pro-lifers (Kenyon, AP/IDAHO STATE JOURNAL). Beck was one of the "biggest losers" of '90 when he lost to "unknown" pro-choice Dem Sally Snodgrass. Despite the fact the issue "led to his defeat," Beck "maintains" his support for House Bill 625, "the strict anti-abortion measure," will help him: "Idaho is a pro-life state. [But] I will not be a single issue candidate." Beck supports the 1% tax-limiting initiative and "describes himself as an 'outsider' and an 'underdog' to the better-financed and better-organized" Boise mayor Dirk Kempthorne (R). Also in the GOP primary is businessman Milt Erhart (12/15). Erhart's candidacy "may be in doubt" after his wife Mary's heart attack. Rep. Richard Stallings (D-02) is the sole Dem candidate (Tony Huegel, Idaho POST-REGISTER, 12/13).

*14 INDIANA: HOGSETT IN RANGE OF COATS

A poll, conducted 12/9-10 by Bill Schreiber for IN House Dems, surveyed 445 registered voters; margin of error +/- 5%. Tested: Sen. Dan Coats (R), Sec/State Joe Hogsett (D) (INDIANA LEGISLATIVE INSIGHT, 12/16).

Coats	49%
Hogsett	33

Although Coats is better-known than Hogsett, his "positives outweigh his negatives 2-1 among those who recognize him, [while] Hogsett's positives lead his negatives by a 3-1 margin" (12/16).

*15 KANSAS: HAMLET ON THE MISSOURI

A WICHITA EAGLE editorial implores Sen. Min. Leader Bob Dole (R) not to retire this year: "He's worried about being leader in 1993 of a Senate Republican minority that is even more of a minority than it is now. That's not a good reason to quit what he loves, however. If the Republicans are going to be effective as the loyal opposition in the U.S. Congress, they need a strong, persuasive and reasonable leader to balance the often unreasonable Newt Gingriches on the House side. ... Please Senator, stop this Hamlet-Cuomo-like indecisiveness. ... Your own survey indicates you've got a green light from Kansans" (12/16). Rep. Dan Glickman (D-04), a possible Dole challenger, and Rep. Pat Roberts (R-01), who "might someday run" against Glickman when Dole retires, are on the same side of a fight to halt "a giant perk-in-the-works on Capitol Hill" -- the proposed \$71 million underground Capitol visitors center (K.C. STAR, 12/15). U.S. NEWS sees a "free-for-all" between conservatives and moderates for Sen. GOP leader if Dole retires. Candidates listed: Thad Cochran (R-MS) -- "conservative" chair of the GOP conference, the "odds-on favorite"; Alan Simpson (R-WY) -- the second-ranking GOPer who would be "expected to run, but sources predict his support would be thin"; "conservative" Don Nickles (R-OK); "moderate" Richard Lugar (R-IN); "moderate" Ted Stevens (R-AK); and "dark-horse" conservative Trent Lott (R-MS) (12/23 issue).

*16 LOUISIANA: CLYDE MAKING STRIDES?

Rep. Clyde Holloway (R-08), who ran a distant fourth in the '91 gov. race, "says he may look at polling data" on Sen. John Breaux (D) "to see if he may be vulnerable" (Leggett, Alexandria TOWN TALK). The polls are "not likely to show Breaux with any major weaknesses. But Holloway may interpret them differently. After all, his [CD] will disappear with reapportionment." Holloway may not have a CD unless state Sen. Cleo Fields (D) "gets his way" and has a second black majority CD drawn from Baton Rouge toward AR. Then there could be "a white district in between that and a district with Shreveport as its population center" that David Duke "might look at." Meanwhile, Breaux campaigned in Alexandria, where he has "picked up some fans" since '86. "What he did on behalf of the efforts to prevent England Air Force Base from closing and then to allow its reuse to be handled by the England Authority will help him" (12/16).

***17 PENNSYLVANIA: CASEY REFUSES TO SUPPORT SINGEL BID**

Gov. Bob Casey (D) said "he would not support" LG Mark Singel's (D) '92 challenge to Sen. Arlen Specter (R): "I've explained to Mark that I'd rather have him stay ... as [LG] and that I'm not all that thrilled with his decision to run." Casey "also said he was unhappy" about Singel's switch to pro-choice on abortion when he announced his candidacy 12/5. "Casey opposes abortion and has signed two anti-abortion measures into law since taking office in 1987. ... Anti-abortion groups that supported Singel as part of the Casey team in 1986 and 1990 have denounced his new position." Singel press sec. Veronica Varga said Singel "would hope and expect" Casey's support if he wins the primary "and becomes the party's candidate." Singel may face Sec/Aging Linda Rhodes, who is pro-life, in the Dem primary. Rhodes has not yet declared, but Casey has said "I'd have to remain neutral" if she runs. Pro-life state Rep. Stephen Freind (R) is running in a GOP primary against the pro-choice Specter (Robert Zausner, PHILA. INQUIRER, 12/14).

***18 WISCONSIN: EARL ATTACKS MOODY; CHECOTA GETS MANAGER**

Ex-Gov. Tony Earl (D), "in an unusual blast at a fellow" Dem, "criticized" Rep. Jim Moody (D-05) "for missing a House vote on campaign finance reform to attend" a fund-raiser for his Senate race (see HOTLINE 12/4). Earl added Moody had "'set a bad example' by his actions and made himself vulnerable" to attack from Sen. Robert Kasten (R). Earl is supporting state Sen. Russ Feingold (D) in the Dem primary that also includes businessman Joe Checota. In a letter, Earl called Moody and Kasten "Washington insiders": "As we saw in the recent US Senate election in [PA], being so perceived is a tremendous disadvantage" (Lamke, MILWAUKEE SENTINEL, 12/13). Checota hired Craig Varoga as his manager. Varoga managed Houston mayor-elect Bob Lanier's successful campaign (Checota release, 12/10).

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POLL UPDATE =====

*19 ABC/WASH. POST: BUSH SLIDE CONTINUES

1,512 adults surveyed 12/11-15; margin of error +/- 3% (ABC release, 12/16; WASH. POST, 12/17).

APPROVE BUSH'S HANDLING OF ...

JOB AS PRESIDENT	NOW	10/29	10/21	9/15	7/28	6/2	3/4
Approve	47%	59%	65%	69%	70%	76%	90%
Disapprove	50	39	31	26	26	21	9
ECONOMY							
Approve	24%	N/A	37%	42%	36%	46%	49%
Disapprove	70	N/A	60	53	60	50	47

BUSH/DOMESTIC PROBLEMS

Approve	27%
Disapprove	69

BUSH MANAGEMENT OF STAFF

Approve	48%
Disapprove	34

CONDITION OF U.S. ECONOMY?

Excellent	0%
Good	10
Not so good	40
Poor	49

BETTER OFF FINANCIALLY THAN '89?

	NOW	10/21
Better off	17%	20%
Not as well off	33	27
About the same	49	53

WHICH DO YOU TRUST ON ...

	DEM	GOP
Nation's economy	43%	36%
Crime problem	34	35
Foreign affairs	29	56
Education/schools	47	31
National defense	26	60
Help middle class	56	28
Hold taxes down	40	38
Help poor	63	21
Health care	57	23
Morals/values	34	39

WHICH DO YOU TRUST TO HANDLE PROBLEMS NATION FACES OVER THE NEXT FEW YEARS?

	NOW	10/21	6/2	3/4
Dems	39%	39%	37%	34%
GOPers	37	40	42	47

BUSH CARES MORE ABOUT ...

Poor/low income people	1%
Middle income	7
Upper income	58
All equal	32

DEM PRIMARY (Among Dems and independents leaning Dem)

Cuomo	29%	Harkin	5%
Brown	17	Kerrey	4
Clinton	9	Tsongas	1
Wilder	8	DK/No opinion	14

GOP PRIMARY (Among GOPers and independents leaning GOP)

Bush	71%	Duke	7%
Buchanan	18	DK/No opinion	2

GENERAL MATCH-UPS

	ALL	RVs	LVs	10/29	10/21	6/2	3/4
Bush	43%	43%	46%	51%	47%	54%	68%
Dem nominee	50	50	47	33	37	29	20

	ALL	RVs	LVs	10/29
Bush	48%	49%	52%	58%
Cuomo	43	44	42	30
DK/other	9	7	6	12

	ALL	RVs	LVs
Bush	46%	48%	50%
Cuomo	38	40	40
Duke	9	6	5

CONSIDER VOTING FOR DUKE?

Consider	9%
Not consider	65
Don't know enough	27

WHO DO YOU TRUST TO DO A BETTER JOB ON THE ECONOMY?

Bush	36%
Dems in Congress	46

	APPROVE	DISAPPROVE
Congress job performance	35%	59%
Your Rep.'s job performance	60	28
Cong. Dems' handling of economy	31	58

WHICH COMES CLOSEST TO YOUR VIEW?

	NOW	10/29
After four years of George Bush we need a pres. that can set the nation in a new direction.	63%	51%
We need to keep the country moving in the direction George Bush has been taking us.	31	44

*20 HOTLINE DATABASE COMPILATION OF BUSH APPROVAL TRENDS

(The following data on overall Bush approval/disapproval findings is taken from the HOTLINE database.)

ABC/W. POST	12/15	10/29	10/21	9/15	7/28	6/2	3/4
Approve	47%	59%	65%	69%	70%	76%	90%
Disapprove	50	39	31	26	26	21	9
CBS/NY TIMES		11/22	10/91	9/91	8/91		
Approve		51%	64%	71%	73%		
Disapprove		37	26	19	17		
NBC/WS JOURNAL	12/9	11/91	10/91	9/91	7/91		3/91
Approve	52%	51%	63%	64%	67%		81%
Disapprove	41%	39	30	27	25		13
GANNETT/USA TODAY	12/10						
Approve	42%						
Disapprove	49%						
TIME/CNN		11/26	10/91				
Approve		46%	60%				
Disapprove		45	30				
CNN/GALLUP	12/8	10/27	10/20				
Approve	52%	62%	66%				
Disapprove	42	30	26				
L.A. TIMES		11/24		9/91		6/91	3/91
Approve		53%		65%		74%	84%
Disapprove		41		29		23	13
TIMES MIRROR		11/10	10/91		7/91		3/91
Approve		55%	61%		67%		84%
Disapprove		33	28		23		10

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MONITOR =====

*21 THIS MORNING: ABC's "GMA" hosted WASH POST'S Michael Isikoff on the Noriega trial. NBC's "Today" hosted ex-chief U.S. arms control negotiator Richard Burt on the future of the Soviet nuclear program. "CBS This Morning" hosted Israeli Dep. Foreign Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. "FOX Morning News" hosted American U's Johanna Mendelson and LA PRENSA'S Elizabeth Brannan on the Noriega trial, Canadian Justice Minister Kim Campbell on rape trials in Canada, Child Welfare League of America's David Liederman and Heritage Foundation's Robert Rector on welfare cuts, Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) on Yeltsin and the new Soviet commonwealth, and Reps. Benjamin Cardin (D-MD) and Anthony Beilenson (D-CA) on middle-class tax cuts (12/17).

A.M. QUOTABLES: Isikoff: "[The prosecution] has just been hit with this last minute discovery of evidence of internal DEA documents showing a greater level of cooperation between Noriega and the DEA during the period the government now says [Noriega] was trafficking in drugs" (ABC). Rep. Beilenson on the dangers of a tax cut: "On the one hand you want to do something to help the people that are hurting now, but on the other hand you don't want to hurt the economy anymore than you have to" (FOX, 12/7).

LAST NIGHT: CBS led with the US Conference of Mayor's report on the homeless. CNN, NBC, ABC, and PBS' "MacNeil/Lehrer" led with Sec/State James Baker's trip to the Soviet Union. "M/L" hosted Princeton's Stephen Cohen, Lt. Gen. William Odom, Defense analyst Ted Warner, and Soviet Affairs analyst Dmitri Simes on Soviet troubles, and ex-Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger on the Bill of Rights. NBC interviewed Sen. Sam Nunn (D-GA) on the Soviet military. CNN's "Crossfire" interviewed Dem strategist Ann Lewis and American Conservative Union's David Keene on the Dem debate. ABC's "Nightline" hosted New England Medical Center's Charlotte Yeh, American College of Emergency Physicians' Jack Allison, and UC-Davis Medical Center's Robert Derlet on the health care crisis (12/16).

PISTOL PACKIN': Warren Burger: "If I were writing the Bill of Rights now, there wouldn't be any such thing as the Second amendment. ... This has been the subject of one of the greatest pieces of fraud, I repeat the word fraud, on the American public, by special interest groups, that I have ever seen in my lifetime.

... They have misled the American people and I regret to say they have had far too much influence in the Congress of the United States than, as a citizen, I would like to see. And I am a gun man. I have guns. I've been a hunter ever since I was a boy" (12/16).

WHAT RECESSION? ABC's Peter Jennings: "There was further evidence today of how deep the recession is. A survey of American cities has found that the number of people who do not have enough to eat, or a place to live, is going up" (12/16). NBC's Tom Brokaw: "America's homeless problem is going from bad to worse. Hard times are pushing more people, and more families, out onto the streets." NBC's Robert Hager: "In its annual survey of cities, the mayor's conference reported a 26% increase in requests for free meals in 1991, and a 16% increase in requests for shelter." Boston Mayor Ray Flynn (D): "How many times can we all turn a blind eye, to the poverty, and hunger, and homelessness, that is taking place in America's streets and sidewalks, and doors, and grates, and parks, and benches."

Hager: "The mayor's survey finds families with children make up one third of those in shelters, and two thirds of those in soup kitchens. But with 30% of the homeless mentally ill, and 40% alcohol or drug abusers, backlash is inevitable. ... But the U.S. Conference of Mayors calls on the nation to show compassion, and says for the first time ever, all the cities it surveyed expect demand for food and shelter will grow greater in the coming year" (12/16).

OH, THAT RECESSION: ABC's Peter Jennings: "The manufacturing section of the economy remains in a serious slump. Industrial production fell four tenths of a percent last month, that's the largest decline in eight months, which is raising expectations that the Federal Reserve may cut interest rates again, to try stimulating the economy" (12/16). CNN's Frank Sesno: "Slim cheer today in yet another signal of economic weakness. Industrial production, the barometer of the nation's manufacturing center, dropped four tenths of one percent in November. Accounting for most of the decline, sluggish auto production, and a strike at Caterpillar factories" (12/16).

GOP BASHING: NBC's Henry Champ: "Candidates call it the 'Bush factor' -- the President's lack of a domestic plan that is making election efforts tough for Republicans ... and that, of course, is good for Democrats." Champ: "[Two] young congressman, [Reps.] Chris Cox (R-CA) and Richard Durbin (D-IL), are running hard ... both have voters as a result of redistricting, but the Bush factor is making Republican Chris Cox's job much harder. In Newport Beach, [CA], the very heart of his district, the biggest Republican fund-raisers actually invited a Democratic presidential candidate to lunch [video of Clinton] to hear how Bill Clinton would shake-up the economy. ... The meeting was a stunning blow for the president and the uninvited Cox who was left outside to explain to reporters." Rep. Cox: "There is no question that Washington has not been responsive to the needs of the people who are trying to create jobs in America ... and unless Congress doesn't get busy, people are going to be wandering off in all directions." Champ: "The key issue in [CA] are the same in central [IL] ... jobs" ("Today", NBC, 12/17).

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"When Democrats sort of contest for a nomination, they don't all agree with one another -- unlike George Bush, Pat Buchanan, and David Duke."

-- Dem strategist Ann Lewis on the debate,
"Crossfire," CNN, 12/16.

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GB thanks to Congressman Craig
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Cochran continues: But by last fall, President Bush knew Moscow's attitude had softened, and he called on the U.N. to repeal the resolution.

(President Bush, speaking to U.N.: "To equate Zionism with racism is to reject Israel itself, a member of good standing of the United Nations.")

Today, by an overwhelming vote of 111 to 25, the General Assembly bought the American argument.

(Deputy Secretary of State Eagleburger, speaking to U.N.: "It is more than time to consign one of the last relics of the Cold War to the dustbin of history.")

At the stalled Mideast peace talks in Washington, Palestinians complained, as expected.

(Sa'eb Erakat, Palestinian delegate: "In our opinion, the practices of the Zionist movement against my people, and their occupation, is the highest form of racism and terrorism.")

But privately even some Arab diplomats say today's vote could be helpful if it convinces Israel that the U.N. is no longer a rigged jury. (NBC-3, ABC-11)

HOMELESS

Rather: No holiday from the recession. There's no joy in reporting it, but it's true. The ranks of the homeless and the hungry are up sharply and increasing. America's mayors said today they simply cannot meet the rising demand for help without more federal assistance.

CBS's Mark Phillips reports on the new survey released by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, which shows that the demand for emergency food was drastically up this past year -- an average of 26 percent. The demand for shelter rose 13 percent. What was already a crisis has been made worse by the recession.

(Mayor Jim Scheibel, St. Paul: "What we have is a double-edged sword. We have one blade that's cutting jobs when we need them, and the other side is cutting the help when we most need it.")

The squeeze on public funds now means that 15 percent of those seeking shelter are turned away. Worse, the voices from the street are getting younger. Today's survey shows that 35 percent of the homeless are now families with children. It's a breeding ground for despair. The mayors had a proposal today:

(Mayor Ray Flynn, Boston: "We are calling on the President and the Congress to match every new dollar sent to Russia with new dollars to feed needy, hungry families in America.")

The mayors got some tragic help in their appeal to official Washington: the other morning, the dead body of a homeless man was discovered less than a block from the White House. (CBS-Lead)

NBC's Robert Hager reports Mayor Flynn says the problem is much worse, in part because of the recession.

(Dan Byrne, shelter director: "What we're finding now that we hadn't found previously would be young homeless families on the street at night.")

But with 30 percent of the homeless mentally ill and 40 percent alcohol or drug abusers, backlash is inevitable. The Conference of Mayors says that for the first time ever, all the cities it has surveyed expect demand for food and shelter to grow even greater in the coming year. (NBC-4)

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EXAMINERS ARE URGED TO EASE UP ON BANKS
Bush Administration Cites Economy's Health

BALTIMORE -- The government's top economic officials Monday urged federal banks and thrift examiners to ease up on the nation's troubled financial institutions in order to promote economic growth.

One of the officials, Deputy Treasury Secretary John Robson, told an unprecedented gathering of nearly 500 examiners from across the country, "You have a tough job. We want you to carry it out in a way that promotes economic growth and protects the public.... You are encouraged to give the benefit of the doubt, even if it might ultimately turn out to be a misjudgment."...

Michael Boskin reiterated the Bush Administration's belief that economic growth will pick up again beginning in the second quarter of next year. Boskin said the "retreat" in bank lending was a factor in the economy's lagging performance. The banking system, he said, "as a whole has been in something of a state of paralysis."

(John Berry, Washington Post, A1)

'GROWING CRISIS' IN CITIES CITED
Mayors Seek Dollar-For-Dollar Match
On U.S. Aid To Poor And Russia

Emergency food requests jumped 26 percent in the nation's major cities this year, while requests for emergency shelter rose 13 percent, the U.S. Conference of Mayors said Monday.

These emergency requests signal a "growing crisis in hometown America," said Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn, president of the conference. The figures are based on a survey of officials in 28 cities who monitor activities by government agencies and private charitable groups.

"Something is very wrong in America," Flynn said at a news conference here. He blamed the economic recession and unemployment for the increase in emergency requests for food and shelter.

"We are calling on the President and the Congress to match every new dollar sent to Russia with new dollars to feed needy families in America," said Flynn. "If it is a good policy to feed hungry people in the Ukraine" and other parts of the former Soviet Union, "then why isn't it good to feed hungry people here in the United States?" Flynn said....

Flynn said he was dismayed that in Sunday's 90-minute televised debate among the six Democratic presidential candidates, "these issues" were ignored. (Spencer Rich, Washington Post, A3)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Pessimism At The Fed," regarding Alan Greenspan's view of the economy, by Louis Uchitelle, appears in The New York Times, page A1.

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NATIONAL NEWS

BUSH APPROVAL RATING SLIPS TO 47%

Fed by surging doubts about his handling of the economy, President Bush's popularity has fallen to the lowest level of his presidency, with fewer than half of those questioned in the latest Washington Post-ABC News Poll saying they approve of the way he is doing his job.

Bush's approval rating has dropped to 47 percent, marking the first time it has slipped below 50 percent in Post-ABC News surveys. Only about six weeks ago, 59 percent of the public approved of the way he was handling his job. The poll found that 50 percent of those surveyed disapproved of Bush's performance, also the worst rating of his presidency.

Economic insecurities appeared to be driving Bush's decline in popularity, with nearly nine in 10 persons surveyed characterizing the economy as "not so good" or "poor." Only one in 10 said the economy was "good" or "excellent." Just one in four said they approved of Bush's handling of the economy, compared to roughly half of those who were asked the same question in June....

Some Democrats said Monday their candidates missed an opportunity Sunday night to pin more blame on Bush for the state of the economy. "At one point I was concerned that it was a feeding frenzy," said Gary LaPaille, a Democratic chairman in Illinois. "I don't think that looks good for Democrats. It hurts our chances (of beating Bush) in November '92 if people are saying, 'Look at the Democrats feeding on one another.'"

(Richard Morin & Dan Balz, Washington Post, A1)

CUOMO CHALLENGES BUSH TO DEBATE

ALBANY -- Gov. Mario Cuomo, angry at reports that the RNC plans to open an Albany office to hound him if he runs for president, has challenged President Bush to a debate.

Saying the President would not launch attacks on Nebraska, Iowa or the home states of the other official Democratic candidates, Cuomo on Monday urged Bush not to pick on New York's record -- which GOP strategists have called a tempting target -- and debate him face to face instead.

Cuomo invited Bush to "surround himself with the most intelligent paper people he can, with all the books filled with statistics, and he allow me one opportunity to meet with him, on film, and discuss with me my state and his attacks on it."

"I will come, if he likes, without anybody, without any papers, and he can have all the help he wants. And he can sit in a chair and make his case against my state," Cuomo said.

"Give me a chance to address it with you," Cuomo said, addressing Bush. "Stand up and take your best shot. You're the President. You can fight wars. You're a tough guy. If you want to attack my state and its 18 million people...why not come in and do it," Cuomo said.

(UPI)

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BUSH MAY TALK TOUGH ON JAPAN, BUT IS JAPAN LISTENING?

In the gathering campaign debate over trade policy toward Japan, President Bush has an early advantage over his challengers: He can talk tough in Tokyo next month, and he says he will.

For now, the other candidates can only complain about the President and opine about what he should do. Bush sets the agenda; that's one of the advantages of campaigning from the White House....

In their campaign debate Sunday night, Democratic candidates took turns bashing the President's trade policies.... There was ample advice on his message. "He's going to have to go over there and say, 'The time for fair trade is here -- reciprocity,'" Paul Tsongas said. "You take our products, we take your products."

Gov. Bill Clinton said much the same, adding, "We're going to have to have a clear understanding or retaliate."... Sen. Kerrey said Bush should insist on a Japanese currency revaluation to make U.S. goods more competitive in the marketplace there. "Our President should say, 'Revalue your yen immediately,'" he said.

(News Analysis, Walter Mears, AP)

U.S. THREATENS TRADE TARIFFS AGAINST CHINA IN PATENTS DISPUTE

Amb. Hills said Monday she would impose punitive tariffs on \$750 million worth of Chinese goods Jan. 16 if China failed by then to take substantial action to protect U.S. patents and copyrights.

If tariffs were imposed, the U.S. Customs Service would start collecting them soon after, she said. Hills told a news conference that Assistant Trade Representative Joseph Massey would meet with Chinese officials in Beijing on Saturday and Sunday in one last effort to find an agreement. (Reuter)

TASK FORCE URGES CREATION OF RADIO FOR A FREE ASIA

A special presidential task force Monday challenged the Administration to create a Radio for Free Asia that would beam news about China to the Chinese people, much like the 40-year old U.S. broadcast service to formerly communist Eastern Europe.

The President's Task Force on U.S. Government International Broadcasting, rejecting State Department objections to the plan, said Washington has an obligation to provide "truth" to the people of China at the same time the Bush Administration is pushing for renewal of a preferential trading status for China.

The panel said in its report that despite the close of the Cold War, such direct U.S. communication with foreign citizens should remain a key element of Washington's foreign policy into the 21st century. It said broadcasts to residents of China and the neighboring communist nations of Vietnam, North Korea and Laos would complement existing U.S. diplomatic efforts to encourage democratic political reforms in the region....

Panel member Ben Wattenberg said, "My thought is that the President ought to grab this and say, 'We're for human rights, let's go.'" (R. Jeffrey Smith, Washington Post, A10)

EDITOR'S NOTE: "Bush Joins The Pantheon In Tibetan Monastery," regarding President Bush's meeting with the Dalai Lama in April, by Reuter, appears in The Washington Times, page A8.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

YELTSIN SAYS NEW COMMONWEALTH TO TAKE CONTROL OF SOVIET MILITARY

MOSCOW -- President Yeltsin on Monday used a visit by Secretary Baker to assert the preeminence of Russia and the other members of the new commonwealth over the dissolving central government, declaring the leaders of the new alliance were making plans to take control of the military and nuclear weapons.

Yeltsin said Russia would seek the Soviet Union's seat on the U.N. Security Council, and he appealed to Baker for full U.S. diplomatic recognition of Russian sovereignty.

Yeltsin also predicted that Russia would remain a nuclear power while two other nuclear-armed republics in the commonwealth, Ukraine and Byelorussia, would destroy their weapons. Yeltsin said the eventual status of a fourth republic where Soviet weapons are stationed, Kazakhstan, still required further discussion. Although Ukraine has said it would like to become a non-nuclear state, there have been some mixed signals from Kiev about how rapidly the weapons would be disabled or destroyed.

Yeltsin promised that nuclear weapons would remain under a unified command, as the U.S. has sought, and President Gorbachev offered similar assurances later to Baker....

Yeltsin's appeal for U.S. recognition of Russian sovereignty and his suggestion that Russia inherit the Soviet Union's seat on the Security Council drew noncommittal responses from Baker, who said he had just learned on his arrival here that the republic would seek such recognition.

"I will report back to President Bush and we will give full consideration to these requests," he said. But Baker repeated several times Monday that the U.S. would seek to avoid becoming involved in details of the internal power struggle here.

(David Hoffman, Washington Post, A1)

RUSSIA MOVES TOWARD KREMLIN TAKEOVER

MOSCOW -- The Russian parliament dealt another blow to the dying Soviet central government, voting to take over the Kremlin and evict the Soviet Parliament, the independent Interfax news agency said.

The Russian legislature decided Monday it was the rightful heir to the property of the Soviet Parliament, which owns the Kremlin buildings. The legislature also proposed forming a liquidation commission within two days to be headed by the chairmen of the Russian and Soviet parliaments, Interfax said.

(Gregory Gransden, UPI)

KGB CONFIRMS IT GAVE AMBASSADOR DETAILS OF U.S. EMBASSY BUGGING

MOSCOW -- The Soviet KGB confirmed Monday that it gave Amb. Robert Strauss details of how the Soviets bugged the U.S. embassy in Moscow and said Washington could save money by not building a new embassy. It said Presidents Gorbachev and Yeltsin were involved in the decision to turn over information about the listening devices planted in the building.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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December 17, 1991



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: JAMES A. BAKER, III *J.A. Baker*

SUBJECT: MY TUESDAY MEETINGS

I met with two Central Asian leaders today, Askar Akayev of Kyrgyzstan and Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. Each has been identified with the reform movement and each very much looks to the United States for guidance, support and acceptance. Nazarbayev has been a pivotal player in the efforts to reshape the Soviet Union, starting first with the nine plus one agreement, then the one plus nine effort in the aftermath of the coup, and, currently, he recognizes the importance of trying to flesh out and make meaningful an agreement on a Commonwealth. After meeting each of these leaders and, especially following my discussion with Nazarbayev, it's clear that more precision is needed on the terms that are being used to describe the Commonwealth. Even when different leaders use similar terms I suspect they mean different things. While my discussions so far suggest that Kazakhstan and Russia can bridge their differences and forge an agreement on the Commonwealth, it's not clear yet whether Ukraine will go along with giving the Commonwealth meaningful coordinating function. That's clearly something that Nazarbayev seeks and Yeltsin is probably willing to accept. But once again, we face the question of whether Ukraine will go along. I'll have a better fix on that after I see Kravchuk tonight.

Meeting with Akayev

Akayev is a very appealing figure. In a region that hasn't known many democrats, he is very committed to democratization. Kyrgyzstan is a relatively small Central Asian republic and this trip is a very important symbol for Akayev and Moslems in this region. Shevardnadze mentioned to me that seeing Akayev was very important for Central Asia as a whole because it represented a clear sign that the democrats would be supported. As Shevardnadze put it, others in the region would get the message.

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Akayev remains very much committed to the Commonwealth, and I suspect that is driven in part by his desire for close relations with Russia. He told me it was very much in Kyrgyzstan's security interest to have such close relations and he gave me two reasons for that: the need to contain Islamic fundamentalism and the need also to counter potential problems with China. He said there was only one amendment that he would insist on along with other Central Asian republics and that was all the Commonwealth members should be accorded an equal status.

Along with Slavic members of the Commonwealth, Moslems must also be seen as founding members of this new community. I gathered that he was generally relaxed about some of the details of the Commonwealth, particularly as Kyrgyzstan is a non-nuclear republic. When I asked him whether he would develop a National Guard and if so how large would it be, he said, yes, and it would number about a thousand. As he put it, "Why do I need to have a military?" Instead, he said, I prefer to be "armed" with your five principles. That's what we need for our future, not a military.

His commitment to our five principles is a reminder that we have enormous moral authority with many of the republics and their leaders.

^{3.3(b)(6)} (Interestingly enough, Nazarbayev, who is obviously much more of a significant political figure in Central Asia and in all the areas of what was the Soviet Union, also said to me that he'd hoped that Kazakhstan would be an

Meeting with Nazarbayev

My discussion with Nazarbayev was really fascinating. He gave me an account of what happened on December 8 when Yeltsin called him and he also provided the backdrop to some of the events. He said that on December 6, Yeltsin called him and told him he was going to Minsk to sign a bilateral agreement with Byelorussia. He said Kravchuk was going to come to give a perspective on where Ukraine was after its referendum. Nazarbayev quoted Yeltsin as saying, "I want to look Kravchuk in the eye and see what he is prepared to say about the future, and I'll see you in Moscow on the 9th."

Nazarbayev pointed out that Gorbachev had invited Yeltsin, Shushkevich, Kravchuk and Nazarbayev to come to Moscow on the 9th to work out the details on the Union treaty. Nazarbayev said he arrived in Moscow on the 8th in preparation for the meeting on the 9th. When he arrived, there was a message from Yeltsin at the Moscow airport saying it was urgent that they talk. So he took a call from Yeltsin at the airport and Yeltsin, who Nazarbayev said was clearly drunk, told him what they had agreed to in Brest.

Nazarbayev told him he was shocked, particularly because of their previous conversation and the meeting planned for the next day. He said he asked Yeltsin a number of questions, none of which Yeltsin could answer very well. But Yeltsin did tell him that he had spoken to you and that you had supported the Commonwealth.

In recounting the story, Nazarbayev said he not only felt betrayed, but he had a hard time understanding why we would have so quickly supported something that was so ill-defined. I told him we had not and that you had made no such commitments or expressions of support to Yeltsin. On the contrary, we had been very careful to explain that we would not inject ourselves into this purely political process. I suspect Yeltsin must have also told Gorbachev that he had your support and that may explain Gorbachev's reaction to my comments that the Soviet Union, as we had known it no longer existed. (Language that Gorbachev himself was using, but against the backdrop of Yeltsin's claim of our support for the Commonwealth -- something that was presented as a fait accompli -- it's not difficult to see why Gorbachev reacted the way he did.)

Nazarbayev made clear that this situation had been created and one had to deal with it and not dwell on the past. As he looked at the current situation he felt he had three options: first, he could join the Commonwealth, provided it was real and meaningful; second, he could create a central Asian confederation; or third, Kazakhstan could go it alone. He didn't prefer either option two or three, seeing option two as fueling, not containing, Islamic fundamentalism.

Option three was potentially even worse because it raised the specter of Kazakhstan as an independent nuclear power and he understood the problems that might create. (I left no doubt in this regard.) So, he said, he would work to make the Commonwealth succeed, but for him to do so there would have to be three amendments to the accord that had been worked out in Minsk. First, there could not be two classes of members. All members of the Commonwealth must be founding members. This would avoid a split between Slavs and Moslems. Second, there must be a treaty between the four nuclear states -- Russia, Ukraine, Belarusia and Kazakhstan -- that would spell out and codify the command and control arrangements on nuclear weapons. He said there should be a single point and location of authority and that should be Moscow, but there should be a political consultative mechanism before nuclear weapons could be used. This and related military questions should be embedded in a treaty. Third, there should be a council of heads of state and a separate council of heads of government to coordinate military and economic matters.

Yeltsin should have no problems with Nazarbayev's amendments, because they are very much in keeping with his description of what the Commonwealth should be and how it should operate.

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But I wonder whether Kravchuk will go along with either a treaty on the nuclear issues or with the creation of coordinating mechanisms that will give the Commonwealth an institutional underpinning. In reality, what Nazarbayev seeks should not create problems for Kravchuk, but I think that it may. One sign of emerging difficulties is that it is now being reported that Kravchuk will not come to Alma Ata on Dec. 21 to sign, along with the Central Asian republics, a Commonwealth Accord.

That's not a particularly good omen, but when I mentioned it to Nazarbayev, he seemed neither surprised nor concerned. He said, if Kravchuk doesn't come to Alma Ata on the 21st, he'll be in Minsk the next week when we conclude follow-on mechanisms. I asked him how he could be so sure, and he said, Kazakh coal fuels all of Ukraine's electrical power plants; they get their ore from us; they can't launch their delivery vehicles except from our space center -- "I have him hooked."

We'll have to see if that's true. I don't think one should underestimate Nazarbayev. He's very impressive. He's one of the few leaders involved in this process that has both a vision of what is needed and also a feel for the nuts and bolts. At the same time, I think he's got his work cut out for him. If he doesn't succeed, he did tell me in answer to a question that Kazakhstan would sign onto the NPT as a non-nuclear state provided it's recognized internationally and becomes a member of the United Nations. Given what I think may end up happening here, that may be one of the most promising things I heard. Indeed, I believe that's a commitment we'll be able to count on because Nazarbayev sees his relationship with us as critical to Kazakhstan's long-term needs and interests.

I might add that the connection to us is important in Nazarbayev's eyes for two reasons: first, it's critical for the economic development of this resource rich republic, and second, it's needed to counter the challenge of Islamic fundamentalists, a challenge he sees growing in the years ahead.

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MATERIALS FORWARDED TO THE PRESIDENT

December 17, 1991

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1. Responses to Senator Boren's support note and Rep. Craig Thomas' support letter
2. S. 1891 -- Amendments to the Public Health Service and Controlled Substances Acts -- and Signing Statement
3. Proposed Executive Order entitled "Extending the President's Council on Rural America"
4. America 2000 Phone Call to Grinnell Elementary School, Derby, NH
5. Presidential Message for the 40th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II; thank you note to Professor Friedrich von Hayek
6. Mail Sample
7. S. 1193 -- Technical Amendments to Various Indian Laws Act of 1991.

CLASSIFIED

1. Telephone Call from Venezuelan President Perez

INFORMATION

1. Holiday memo attaching Brady memo re National Bank Examiners Meeting on the Credit Crunch
2. Congressional Reading File
3. Porter memo re Assessing the Education President
4. Kaufman note attaching Pat Buchanan for President Mailing.
5. Block schedule

REMARKS

1. Satellite Tour of ABC Owned and Operated Television Stations Possible Questions and Answers.
2. Transportation Bill Signing.

3. American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

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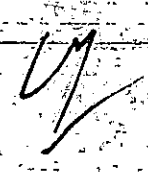
1. And accompanying briefing paper (for 12/18 Christmas Reception only)

CAMP DAVID

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U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

DEC 6 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

As I promised you during our meeting on October 31, 1991, I have enclosed a copy of the results of SBA's National Advisory Council Meeting.

Since assuming the position of SBA Administrator, I have relied on the National Advisory Council members to be the "eyes and ears" of the small business community. I find their entrepreneurial perspective critical as we formulate our direction for the Agency.

The Council is made up of business owners from every state and territory of the nation, providing a representative perspective on local small business issues. During this last meeting, Council members presented their top three concerns about national issues and SBA programs. Under each priority, they suggested possible steps to effect change in each area. The fruit of their efforts is in the enclosed report.

As a former small business person yourself, I don't have to tell you how important it is for small business owners to have an opportunity to make their views known. I hope you will consider their comments.

Again, thank you for your support of SBA and the nation's entrepreneurs.

Respectfully,

Pat Saiki
Patricia Saiki
Administrator

Enclosure

*Pat.
It was a joy having
you on the Hawaii trip
Thanks for your note!
Thanks. too. for this report*



**U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20416**



**National Advisory Council
Consensus Report on Priorities
Westin Crown Hotel - Kansas City, MO
November 17-19, 1991**

EXTERNAL

I. Stimulating Economic Growth

- * Meaningful reduction of capital gains tax
- * Reinstate deductibility of IRA's and consumer interest deductions
- * Repeal luxury tax
- * Reinstate investment tax credit
- * Reduction of government spending until budget is balanced
- * Stimulate international trade
- * Improve access to capital

2. Health Care and Cost Containment

- * The SBA Administrator should carefully evaluate existing proposals by the National Advisory Council, the National Small Business United and the National Federation of Independent Business and present her recommendations to the NAC Health Care and Insurance Committee Chairman. The evaluation should take place in the immediate future.

3. Reduction of Government Regulation

- * All government agencies, specifically EPA and OSHA, must be held accountable for their economic impact on small business and communities.
- * Strengthen the Paperwork Reduction Act
- * Give special attention to the elimination of red tape which discourages participation by minority small businesses

INTERNAL

1. Immediately Fill Chief Counsel Position in Office of Advocacy

- * Appoint commission and director for White House Conference on Small Business

2. Better Marketing Programs

- * Institute an SBA Hall of Fame Award for SBA success stories

- * Focus special attention on improving communication and grassroots outreach to include SCORE and other SBA volunteers
 - * Continue the development of the speaker's bureau
 - * Consider regional needs in developing marketing programs
 - * Continue expanding use of TV PSA's in marketing programs
 - * Utilize mass media opportunities and minority success stories to encourage more minority participation in SBA programs
3. Significantly expand authorization of SBA loan programs to stimulate economic recovery.
- * Increase the SBA loan cap to \$1.5 million
 - * Streamline SBA loan process
 - * Implement SBA's Export Revolving Line of Credit Pilot Program and provide export finance training to SBA loan officers
 - * Increase the number of small and rural banks in the Certified Lender Program
 - * Immediately implement the micro loan program

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the National Advisory Council report to the Administrator to deliver a strong clear message that we are in severe economic times, and that the White House and Congress take steps to help the Nation's small business community get back on its feet. Further resolved that the President and Congress refrain from issuing additional mandates to small business which further destroy the strong integrity of a healthy business.

12/17/91

Mr. President:

PHONE CALL FROM BILL ARCHER.

I spoke to him and he was sorry he missed your calls. He was in Houston.

Had two other things he wanted to call to your attention.

His daughter, Shron has become an incredible golfer (handicap of 5), so if you ever need a ringer, let her know. Also, she has a friend who is a sports physiologist in Texas who has developed some sort of effective educational thing for putting. You can practice in the office, and it's great. He is sending three up -- one for you, Baker and Archer.

The second issue is that many of your staunch supporters in Houston are upset. He mentioned two in particular, a Neuhaus and Mossbacher - couldn't ~~remember~~ recall if it was Mossbacher's daughter or daughter-in-law, over the abortion issue. They are afraid you might lose the ~~election~~ election if the abortion issue is not dropped from the Republican platform. If you insist on keeping it, there will be much trouble. He attended a meeting in Houston Saturday night.

Rose

passed on message to the President
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1991

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MEMORANDUM FOR SENIOR STAFF

FROM: PHILLIP D. BRADY
Assistant to the President
and Staff Secretary

CONSTANCE HORNER
Assistant to the President
and Director of Presidential Personnel

SUBJECT: Resignation Letters

In light of recent confusion surrounding the handling of letters of resignation, we would like to clarify the correct routing process for all concerned offices.

All letters of resignation, regardless of their "point of entry" into the White House complex, should be forwarded to the Executive Clerk, Room 5. The Executive Clerk records receipt of the letters, staffs them out for appropriate response, and maintains all originals. Failure to follow this procedure only causes unnecessary delay in letters from the President accepting these resignations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

cc: Ron Geisler
Executive Clerk

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resignation letters. Just
prior turning on release?*

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December 3, 1991

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TO: Shirley Green *my* Bush Library Photocopy
FROM: Nancy Theis *MAZ* George Bush Handwriting
RE: Report on President's Education Speech
(Volume of Mail Received/Comments)

It has now been two months since the President invited students and educators to write him with their personal suggestions on how we can improve our Nation's schools. The response was immediate and overwhelming.

To date, we have received well over 200,000+ letters on this issue. The major portion of these messages were from classrooms and were exceedingly positive and thought provoking.

A personalized letter and a photograph of the President was sent to each class or individual.

The best suggestions and ideas have been sent to speechwriting so that they can be incorporated in upcoming addresses.

There were some central themes that came across no matter from where the letters came; i.e., inner city, rural, or suburbs. Many of the teachers used the President's speech as a way of discussing the importance of education. Some centered their lesson plans around the Alice Deal speech. Others used it as a platform for the students to articulate their goals, their dreams, and their objectives for life. Over and over again, students promised the President that they would stay in school, study harder, stay off drugs, help others, and strive for excellence.

Teachers wrote many cover letters expressing their gratitude for the President's attention and continued interest in education. Many voiced their concerns about the students' morals, values, and ethics which are not being stressed in the home environment due to a lack of parental involvement. The bottom line was they, the teachers, could not be all things to all students.

We find a recurring theme prevalent in the mail which seems to be that two acts of conduct could be implemented in our educational system, neither of which cost money or demand special programs. Students should stand when a teacher enters the room or when addressed by the teacher. This denotes respect and without respect, learning cannot take place. Secondly, the teacher could encourage students, before each class, to assert their intention to learn with a conscious statement of purpose. This fits right in with the President's message: "Every time you walk through that classroom door, make it your mission to get a good education." This is the student's promise to himself to learn.

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Marlin

*Eyes only
Bill F heard
to Marlin*

December 17, 1991

Marlin:

What is it about Newsweek.
Imagine laughing at this
poor kids demise.

I doubt we should ^{go} directly to Kay
Graham with this. Frankly I think
Newsweek's Mr. Reiss was
"asking for it" and Judge
Lupo did the right thing.

Please advise if more needs to
be done from here on this
critical matter.

GB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Judge boots reporter for smiling

Here's what Newsweek gets for calling Palm Beach Judge Mary Lupo a "rubber-faced jurist" in last week's issue:

Yesterday, Lupo kicked the news magazine's Miami bureau chief, Spencer Reiss, out of the courtroom for his "juvenile" reaction during testimony about Willie Smith's partial erection.

Lupo said that she had stared at Reiss, who was sitting in the second row, to warn him to stop smiling.

But she said Reiss flashed another big grin when a psychiatrist testified Smith could not have raped a "struggling" female with a partially limp penis.

Reiss quietly followed the bailiff out of the courtroom.

Reiss — who reported but didn't write last week's Newsweek piece — would say only: "Judge Lupo needed to make an example. I got chosen."

Lupo said Reiss' credentials for entering the courtroom were being lifted for the rest of the day.

Frank DiGiacomo and

N.Y. Post

How could
he laugh
at such
a serious
statement?

Associated Press

JONATHAN BUSH
641 LEXINGTON AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10022

12/10/91

Mr. President,

I thought you would
like to see the outrageous behavior
of some of the spectators at the
Kennedy trial. -

Yours. JB

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Date: 12/17/91

TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: RONALD C. KAUFMAN^{SC}
Deputy Assistant to the President
for Political Affairs
Room 132, OEOB, x2135

FYI.

RON
Be sure same, John S,
and all key W.H. staff
plus our cabinet
officers see this
letter
Thanks -
CRS
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PATRICK J. BUCHANAN

December 9, 1991

Mr. Larry Thomas
P. O. Box 5923
Balboa Island, CA 92662

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have just made one of the biggest decisions of my life. And because you are an old friend and a supporter, I wanted to tell you personally why I have decided to seek the Republican nomination for President. I also want to ask your help; I need you with me in the tough months ahead..

Quite simply, our country is careening off course. And neither Mr. Bush nor his advisors have the foggiest notion how to steer her back.

After Mr. Bush broke his word, and cut his deal to raise taxes, domestic social spending soared at the fastest rate since the 1930s. The Federal Government is now consuming 25% of Gross National Product; the deficit is approaching \$400 billion (almost twice as large as any deficit in modern history). The national debt is near \$4 trillion. The recession is deepening; parts of our country are in depression; national morale is plummeting. In jobs created and economic growth, this Administration has turned in the worst performance in 60 years.

Thanks to White House abandonment of our principles, it is no longer Morning in America. Confidence is gone; and the 92-month-long economic boom has been put on a fast track to Mexico.

There is no Bush program to deal with the crisis -- other than to deny there is a crisis. As the Wall Street Journal conceded recently, "The long and short of it is: The world's most important economy is in the grip of economic incompetents."

Adding to the recession is a hellish social crisis. Crime rates are hitting record highs; test scores of our high school seniors are hitting new depths. Washington D.C. is the murder capital of the nation. Neighborhood datelines from New York, our cultural capital, say it all: Howard Beach and Bensonhurst, Crown Heights and Central Park. Less and less do we seem to be one nation and one people. More and more we are behaving like warring tribes, bickering and fighting with one another.

Our heritage and traditions are under attack in our schools, our media, our universities, under the rubric of "multi-culturalism." And one need not be a Puritan to be appalled at the sewage of gratuitous sex and violence being pumped out in our books, films, magazines and television -- even subsidized by the blockheads Mr. Bush sent over to run the National Endowment for the Arts. America's popular culture is as polluted as Love Canal. Time to clean it up.

Alexander Solzhenitsyn said at Harvard 15 years ago, "Men have forgotten God." And we have. It is not that we do wrong (we have it on High Authority that men have always done so), but that our society does not even know the difference, anymore, between right and wrong. And thanks to the ACLU, we are not allowed to teach that difference to children in public schools -- where God, the Bible and Ten Commandments have been driven out by court decree, and condoms are handed out to 14-year-old girls who are told to go out and practice "safe sex." If there is a "problem," go down to the local clinic and exterminate it -- no need to tell your parents.

You don't have to be an evangelical minister, a rabbi or a priest to know there is something terribly wrong.

While America's economic crisis has "Made in Washington!" stamped all over it, George Bush is surely not responsible for this social crisis. But he offers no answers -- none. And to look to this Democratic Congress of deadbeats and check-kickers for answers is a joke.

Mr. Bush's all-consuming passion lies in some gauzy New World Order he has never quite been able to define or explain. To advance this dreamy idea, he flies all over the world shoveling out foreign aid as though this were 1951, not 1991.

Again, the problem is not Mr. Bush's motives. It is his ideas,

or rather his lack of them. Mr. Bush is an Ivy League globalist wedded to such institutions as the UN and World Bank, when we Americans have got to start looking out for America first.

If we don't get busy dealing with the crises here at home, we are going to lose our country. And if government is not the answer to our problems here, how can Mr. Bush believe we can solve the world's problems, dishing out billions we do not have to Third World regimes that are even less competent than our own?

Okay, Pat, but why you? comes the question.

Well, the truth is we have 60 days to the big New Hampshire Primary, and our cause, the great and good cause of American conservatism, isn't even represented in the politics of 1992. A choice between George Bush and six liberal Democrats (two masquerading as moderates), is no choice at all. To let 1992 go by timidity or default is to betray our cause, and to forfeit the allegiance of a younger generation crying out for leadership.

No one else was willing to come forward, so I have.

My credentials? For 30 years, I have been deeply involved -- in journalism, politics and the White House -- in the political life of my country. I have served three Presidents, accompanied them to three Soviet-U.S. summits, and have helped to write presidential addresses, from Mr. Nixon's decision to send U.S. troops into Cambodia in 1970, to Ronald Reagan's decision to retaliate against Khadafi's Libya. No other American has spent as many hundreds of hours debating the great questions of our day, on national television.

I have shared the action and passion of my time; I have been engaged in the causes and controversies of my era, and I will keep the promises George Bush broke.

Look at this Administration. Look at this White House. They are

as bereft of ideas as you and I are brimming with them. We are fresh and they are tired. They are yesterday and we are tomorrow.

Will you help? With only weeks before New Hampshire, I need your help desperately, and I need it now. Thanks, in advance, for your financial sacrifice.

Your friend,



Pat Buchanan

P.S. The sooner you can donate to my Presidential campaign, the stronger our conservative message will be. \$1000 per individual is the maximum allowed by law. But any amount you can afford will be gratefully received -- \$500, \$250, \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25 or even \$15 will help to fill the campaign fuel tanks. Please, if you can, donate today. New Hampshire Primary Day is nearly upon us, and the press will be watching. Don't let them think conservatives have given up on our movement, or that we're forced to vote for a man who has abandoned us.



Brent:

Please pass this to our China experts.

It comes from the sister of a person who spent two years as a guest of my 91 year old Aunt in new Haven.

GB

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

中国科学院自然科学史研究所
INSTITUTE FOR THE HISTORY OF NATURAL SCIENCE, ACADEMIA SINICA
BEIJING, CHINA

Dec. 4, 1991

Dear Mrs. C.:

I have received your letter. Last month when I called you, I ^{was} so glad to find your voice is still so strong. I miss you, and really want to see you.

From TV, we usually — even though not every day — see President Bush. He is like you, especially the eyes and the mouth, every time when I see him I will think so. In China, people admire President Bush very much, and also like him very much. People pay a lot of attention to his policy. During the time of the Bay War, the war and President Bush's decision was at the center of people's attention here. They talked about it all the time, and the story of the war inspired them.

In the history of the U.S., there have been several great Presidents — George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklin Roosevelt and John Kennedy. But, it seems to me, none is at the center of the world ~~like~~ as President Bush is. For example, people here usually discuss President Bush's policy to Chinese affairs. They also are very interested in his plan to go to Mars in next century (about 2030). Of course, people here think

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about and discuss more about what is the future of China, especially what will happen when Deng dies.

People here like Barbara very much, especially when they compare her with ~~the~~ the previous first wives of the U.S. They feel she is very kind and simple and honest. I love her very much also.

Best regards

love you
zhong jing

P.S.

- 1) My husband called me today from South China, and asked me to give his best regard to you.
- 2) Next year is "Monkey year" in China. I asked ~~from~~ My brother to bring a calinder to you ~~on~~ up on with there are many lovely monkeys. I hope you like them.

Wednesday, December 17, 1991
4:30 pm

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Mr. President:

Charlie Bartlett called and asked that I pass along to you the following message.

Charlie Bartlett spoke with Ed Ney. Ed Ney reported that he had dinner last night with Felix Rohatyn. Rohatyn said Cuomo would announce on Friday -- maybe even earlier.

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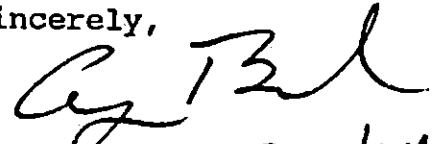
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bergalis:

Barbara and I were deeply saddened by your loss. While the days ahead will be difficult, please know that we are keeping you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Your daughter Kimberly was a special person. Her brave fight against AIDS has touched the people of our Nation, and her crusade has inspired us to work together to find a cure for this cruel disease. Although Kimberly's battle has ended, her indomitable spirit will live on, a shining example of the power of true courage and strength.

May the love of your family and friends bring you comfort. God bless you.

Sincerely,



*In spite of your loss, may you have
a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year*
Mr. and Mrs. George J. Bergalis
1810 Eucalyptus Avenue
Fort Pierce, Florida 34949

Kimberly Bergalis Dies; Got AIDS From Dent

From News Services

Kimberly Bergalis, 23, who challenged doctors groups and Congress to require widespread AIDS testing after a dental visit left her infected with the disease, died Dec. 8 at her home in Fort Pierce, Fla., as a result of the ailment.

Miss Bergalis drew widespread attention in September 1990 when she came forward and said she was "patient A," the first known case of doctor-to-patient AIDS infection.

Doctors rejected the idea at first. But her claims that she had avoided risky behavior were verified. In January, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control determined that her particular strain of HIV was almost identical to her dentist's.

The CDC found four other people it said had been infected while having their teeth worked on by David Acer in his Stuart, Fla., dental office. Acer, a bisexual from nearby Jensen Beach, learned he had full-blown AIDS in September 1987. He extracted two of Miss Bergalis's molars that December, and he went on to treat about 2,000 other patients before he died on Sept. 3, 1990. He had refused to talk at length with federal and state AIDS investigators.

"I did not do anything wrong, yet I am being made to suffer like this," Miss Bergalis told Congress this fall, visibly pained as she campaigned for mandatory testing of health-care workers and patients before invasive medical procedures are performed.

The effort backfired. The "Bergalis Bill," sponsored by Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-Calif.), never made it out of committee, and Miss Bergalis was accused of fanning hysteria over the disease.

"Do I blame myself? I sure don't. I never used IV drugs, never slept with anyone and never had a blood transfusion," Miss Bergalis wrote in a letter to a state health official on April 6.

"I blame Dr. Acer and every single one of you bastards. Anyone who knew Dr. Acer was infected and had full-blown AIDS and stood by not doing a damn thing about it. You are all just as guilty as he was. You've ruined my life and my family's."

The Bergalis family became increasingly vocal as their eldest daughter slowly wasted away. They opened their home to endless interviews and angrily criticized the medical establishment.

"Someone who has AIDS and continues to practice is nothing better than a murderer," her father, George, said. "That's all they are. They might as well take a gun and shoot somebody in the head with it."

Miss Bergalis was born in Tamaqua, Pa. She moved to Florida with her parents and two younger sisters in 1978. Her father is finance director for the city of Fort Pierce. Her mother, Anna, is a public health nurse.

As a teenager, Miss Bergalis made pocket money as a babysitter. She didn't date much, saying she preferred to go out with groups of friends. She attended Catholic school and became a member of the National Honor Society, Math League and Spanish Club.

A business graduate of the University of Florida, Miss Bergalis was doing graduate work in actua-



KIMBERLY BERGALIS

rial science when she came home for Thanksgiving in 1989. Her mother was the first to recognize that there was something terribly wrong with her.

"I thought, 'My God, she looks just like a patient at the clinic where I work,'" her mother later said. She had the symptoms of AIDS.

Miss Bergalis, whose AIDS was diagnosed in December 1989, fought its progress with AZT and other drugs. However, after a painful blood transfusion in April failed to improve her health, she decided she wanted nothing more of hospitals, doctors or pills.

She signed a living will instructing that no heroic measures be taken to prolong her life. Her family spent much of the summer on a deathwatch. But Miss Bergalis recovered sufficiently to travel to Washington and make a short statement to Congress.

Her 20-hour train trip—an air ambulance company moved by her congressional appearance flew her home without charge—was an exhausting physical ordeal for her. When she was wheeled into a congressional hearing room, she mustered her limited strength and made a poignant 15-second plea:

"AIDS is a terrible disease which we must take seriously. I did not do anything wrong, yet I am being made to suffer like this. My life has been taken away. Please enact legislation so that no other patient or health-care provider will have to go through the hell that I have."

Medical specialists maintain that doctor-patient infections are extremely unlikely if standard preventive steps are taken, despite reports by the CDC that as of April, at least 40 of the nation's 6,436 infected health-care workers had contracted the virus from patients' blood.

Miss Bergalis received a \$1 million settlement from Acer's estate. She also received an undisclosed settlement from the dentist's insurance company.

In addition to her parents and her two sisters, Allison and Sondra, Miss Bergalis's survivors include two grandparents, Bernard and Helen Bergalis of Tamaqua.

From the desk of
George Bush

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Louis
Dear Mr. ~~Bell~~:

Many thanks for sharing the old photo with me. It brought back fond memories of my days in the oil business and of my close relationship with the LeTourneaus. The Scorpion was quite a rig.

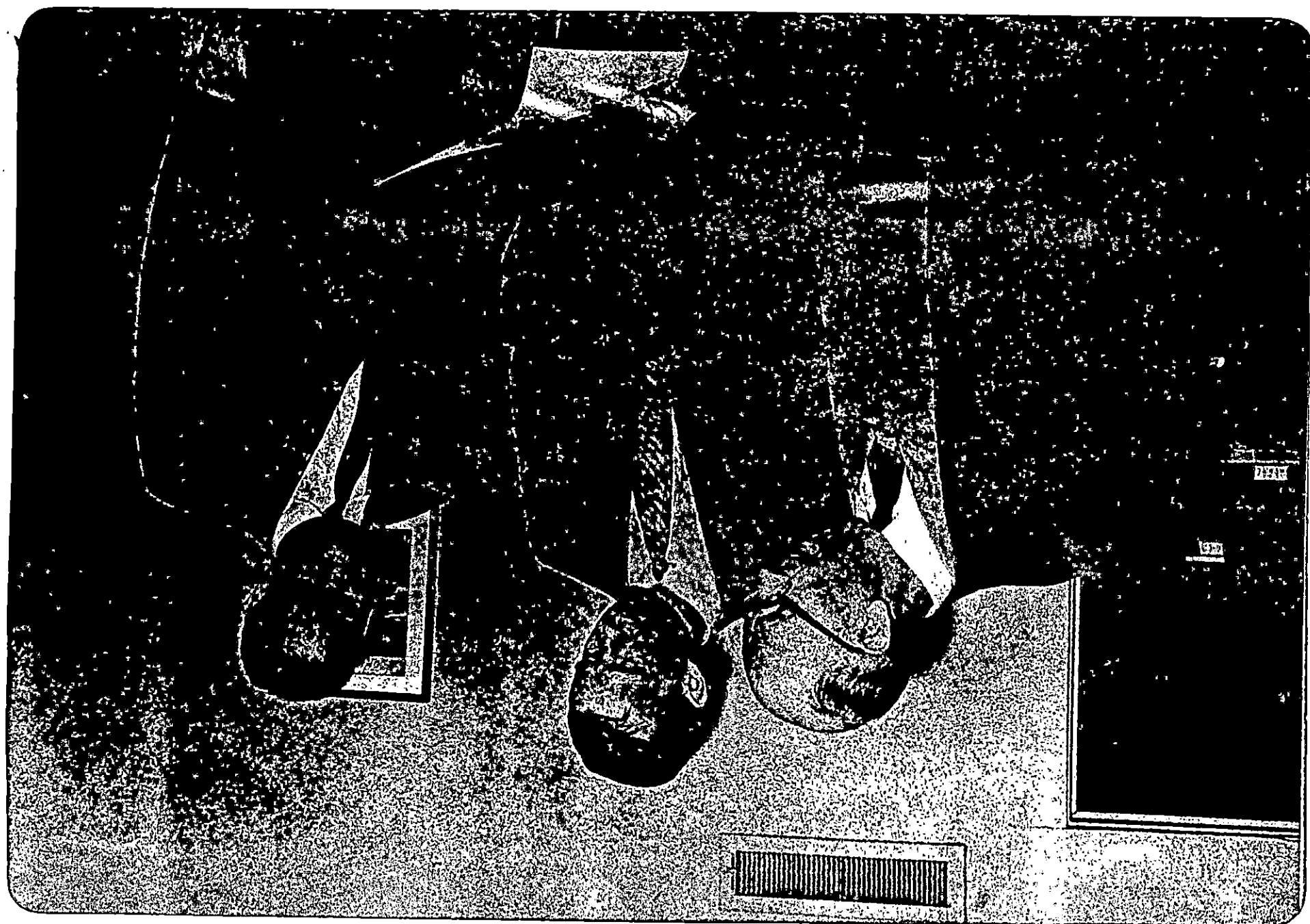
My sincere appreciation and best wishes.

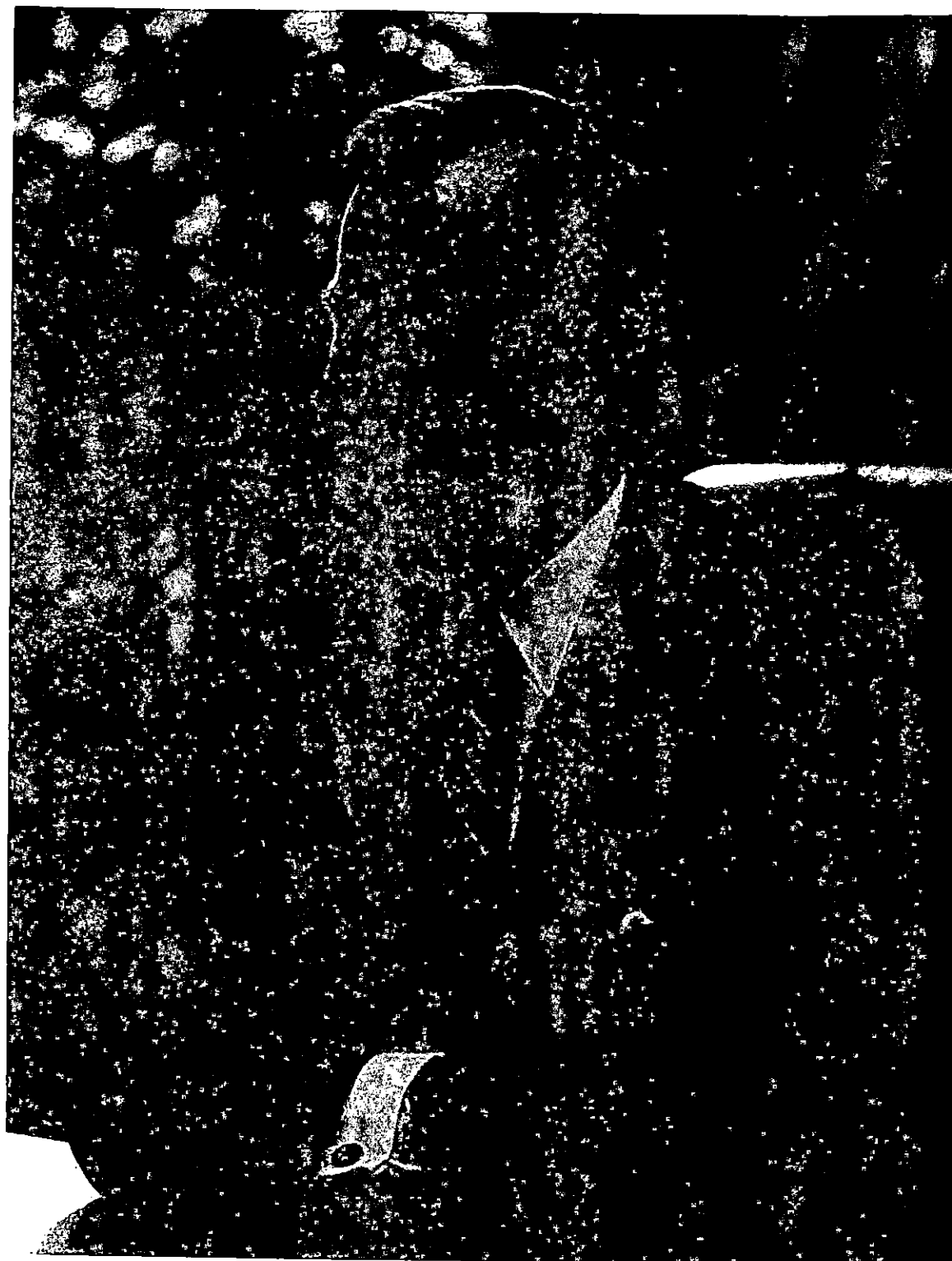
Sincerely,

Ag Bell

*Many Christmas to you and
yours — well do I remember
our early Zapata
days — the ups, the downs,
the joy of it all. You guys
were true pioneers —
Sincerely, Ag Bell*

Mr. Louis K. Bell
4250 Warrenton Road
Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180





To/ Louie Bell
with many happy memories of
our drilling rig days. Sincerely, Cap Bell 1991

4250 Washington, N.Y.
Dickinson, Mississippi
November 5, 1991

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

In cleaning out my office I have noticed I
have a picture taken of you with your
wife in our house in November, 1953. You
are President of Toyota of America Building Company, and
here you are the President of the Scorpion, a big one was
building for your company at our Dickson
Dickson plant.

It occurred to me that if my wife is interested
to see you as you were in the picture and
36 years ago. When in the picture and
Dr. R.G. Dickinson and his wife R.G. Dickinson
was in charge of the electric work done
on the Scorpion and I, along with the other Dicksons
people, the power of the general district, since it
was the first of the many off-shore rigs we built
over the years.

I can assure you that your fine leadership
of our country is appreciated in our area.
We hope that you and your family
have a very pleasant Thanksgiving season.

Sincerely,
Louis Ball

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SCHEDULE OF THE PRESIDENT

Tuesday, December 17, 1991

8:00 am (15 min)	<u>Intelligence Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
8:15 am (30 min)	<u>National Security Briefing</u> (Scowcroft)	Oval Office
8:45 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Chief of Staff</u>	Oval Office
9:15 am (60 min)	<u>Budget Review</u> (Darman)	Oval Office (TAB A) stills Roosevelt Room
10:15 am (45 min)	<u>Administrative Time</u>	Oval Office
11:00 am (10 min)	<u>Meeting with Israeli Foreign Minister David Levi</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately) <i>11 people in oval</i>	Oval Office <i>11:05 In 11:26 Out Scowcroft stays in open</i>
11:10 am (20 min) <i>11:20</i>	<u>Personal Staff Time</u> <i>London PM</i>	Oval Office
11:30 am (30 min)	<u>Meeting with Thai Prime Minister Anand Panyarachun</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately) <i>11:41 POTUS In 12:04 POTUS Out</i>	Oval Office <i>open Cabinet Room</i>
12:05 pm (5 min)	<u>America 2000 Phone Call</u> (Demarest) (Distributed Separately) <i>12:06 In Oval 12:16</i>	Oval Office
12:15 pm (60 min)	<u>Luncheon with Prime Minister Panyarachun</u> (Scowcroft) (Distributed Separately & TAB B) <i>12:20 Start 1:25 In</i>	Residence
1:15 pm (15 min)	<u>Personal Staff Time</u>	Oval Office
1:30 pm (15 min)	<u>Staff Time</u> (Smith) <i>1:31 In</i>	Oval Office (TAB C)
1:45 pm (35 min)	<u>Satellite Tour with five ABC Stations</u> (Smith)	459 OEOB (TAB D)

10:00 Martin

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2:30 pm
(10 min)

Photo with Advisory Committee
of the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Tenth Anniversary
(Demarest)

Roosevelt Room

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(TAB E)

2:45 pm
(30 min)

Meeting with Chief of Staff

Oval Office

3:15 pm (also ~~Perez~~ Administrative Time)
(1 hr 45 min)

Oval Office

6:45 pm

B Christmas Reception
(Firestone)

State Floor

(TAB F)

7:01 POTUS In
8:01 Scowcroft, Adm. Howe, (b)(3) In
8:14 Skinner In

8:18 (b)(3) Out
8:19 Fitzwater In
8:20 VPOTUS In, Fitzwater Out
8:34 Scowcroft, Adm. Howe Out
8:35 Scowcroft In
8:37 Scowcroft Out
9:03 VPOTUS Out
9:17 Skinner Out

9:20 POTUS Out to Roosevelt Room

10:50 POTUS In

10:58 Fitzwater In

11:00 Scowcroft, Haass In

11:05 FM David Levi, Zalman Shoval
Eilan Bentsur, Skinner, Eagleburger,
Ed Djerejian, Oira Levine, and another
Interpreter In ~~Cabinet Room~~

~~Also at 11:05 POTUS~~

11:26 All out but POTUS, Scowcroft
11:41 POTUS, Scowcroft Out to Cabinet Rm.
12:04 POTUS, Jane Lencard, Card In for
America 2000 Call.

12:46 All out. POTUS to 2nd Fl. Res.

12:20 POTUS Arrives 2nd Floor

1:25 POTUS and Thai Delegation In and
out of Oval. POTUS stays In

1:31 Demarest, Porter, Smith In

1:32 Card, Fitzwater In

1:42 All Out to 459 DEOB

1:46 POTUS Arrives 459 DEOB

2:30 POTUS Departs 459 DEOB

2:34 POTUS In LeeAnn Metzger In

2:35 POTUS Out to Roosevelt Rm.

2:49 POTUS In

2:52 Skinner In

3:11 Scowcroft In

3:13 Skinner Out

3:15 Scowcroft Out

3:58 Scowcroft, Skinner, Teter

4:00 Scowcroft Out

4:21 Skinner, Teter Out

4:45 Firestone In

5:01 Firestone Out

5:55 POTUS Out

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

THE DIRECTOR

December 16, 1991

Date: December 17, 1991
Location: Oval Office
Time: 9:15-10:15

From: Richard G. Darman

R.G.D.

I. PURPOSE

This is an introductory overview for the series of Budget Review Group meetings. The overview covers:

- (1) the deficit and debt projections;
- (2) selected initiatives (other than "growth" and health);
- (3) "mandatory" program savings;
- (4) Pay-as-you-Go balances available (pre-growth/health).

II. PARTICIPANTS

President
Vice President
Chief of Staff Skinner
Secretary Brady
Director Darman
Chairman Boskin
Roger Porter

Proposal to Reduce Withholding on Low and Middle Income Wage Earners

IRS can adjust its income tax withholding tables to reduce current overwithholding on wage earners. Approximately 94 million taxpayers would be affected, and their take home pay during 1992 would increase an average of \$310. This would put an additional \$29 billion in taxpayers' hands during 1992.

Background

More than 75% of all taxpayers receive refunds when they file their tax returns each year. IRS projects that for returns due April 15, 1992:

Number of "balance due" returns (taxpayers owing money to IRS)	27 million
Number of refund returns (taxpayers claiming refunds from IRS)	83 million
Refund returns as percent of total	75.3%
Total refunds paid by IRS	\$ 84 billion
Average refund paid by IRS	\$ 1,010

This pattern has persisted for many years, especially among low and middle income wage earners. For example, more than 90% of all 1040EZ and 1040A filers receive refunds. In contrast, most business and self-employed taxpayers owe money when they file their returns.

It is clear that most taxpayers like receiving sizeable refunds -- and dread owing IRS money in April.

The average refund has increased from around \$ 800 during the mid-1980's to more than \$ 1,000 today.

Taxpayers' income tax withholding is determined by the number of "allowances" they claim and IRS withholding tables. "Pay-as-you-go" withholding taxes are credited against taxpayers' actual tax liabilities. If wage earners are overwithheld (claim fewer allowances than permitted), they receive refunds. If wage earners are underwithheld (claim more allowances than permitted or fail to make estimated tax payments on other types of income), they end up owing IRS money.

Proposal

IRS will adjust withholding tables beginning in 1992 to reduce withholding on single wage earners making less than around \$50,000, and married wage earners making less than around \$80,000. The impact of the proposal is:

Number of affected taxpayers	94 million
Average increase in take home pay during 1992	\$ 310
Total additional dollars to consumers during 1992	\$ 29 billion
Affected taxpayers who are currently receiving refunds	
Number	75.5 million
Average refund	\$ 1,010
Affected taxpayers who would still receive refunds	
Number	64 million
Average refund	\$ 332
Affected taxpayers who would switch from receiving refunds to owing money	
Number	11.5 million
Average amount owing	\$ 205
Percentage of taxpayers now receiving refunds who would continue to receive refunds	85 percent
Affected taxpayers now owing money whose liability would increase	
Number	18.8 million
Average increase	\$ 370
Average liability	\$ 2,418

Two points should be noted with respect to this proposal:

First, taxpayers can adjust their withholding allowances to offset the changes in IRS withholding tables. Taxpayers who like larger refund checks, or want to avoid owing the IRS money, can contact their employers and reduce their withholding allowances.

In this connection, IRS will contact taxpayers who might switch from refund to balance due status, and all taxpayers who currently file balance due returns, to suggest that they adjust their withholding to avoid owing IRS money in April.

Second, the proposal does not entail a tax cut.

Taxpayers will have their 1993 refunds reduced (or their tax liability increased) by the amount of additional pay they receive during 1992.

On the other hand, while their 1993 refunds will be reduced, their take home pay during 1994 will increase because IRS withholding tables have been changed.

The cumulative calendar year impact on taxpayers will be as follows:

	Increase in Take Home Pay	Reduction in Refunds/Increase in Balance Due	Net Effect
1992	\$ 29 billion	- 0 -	\$ 29 billion
1993	\$ 29 billion	\$ 29 billion	- 0 -
1994	\$ 29.5 billion	\$ 29 billion	\$ 0.5 billion
1995	\$ 31 billion	\$ 29.5 billion	\$ 1.5 billion
1996	\$ 32.5 billion	\$ 31 billion	\$ 1.5 billion
1997	\$ 34 billion	\$ 32.5 billion	\$ 1.5 billion
Total	\$ 185 billion	\$ 151 billion	\$ 34 billion

This table assumes that no taxpayers adjust their withholding allowances to offset the change in IRS tables. In practice, some taxpayers will make these adjustments to continue receiving larger refunds or to avoid owing IRS money. These changes could reduce the impact by as much as 3 to 5 billion dollars.

IRS Rapid Refund Program:
Options for Changing Withholding Tables

	Number of taxpayers still receiving refunds	Number of taxpayers switching from refunds to owing IRS money	Number of taxpayers currently owing IRS money who would owe additional amounts
Option 1 Dollar cut off: 30s/50m Avg. increase in pay: \$ 290 Total to taxpayers: \$ 22.4 billion	52 million	10 million	15 million
Option 2 Dollar cut off: 50s/80m Avg. increase in pay: \$ 310 Total to taxpayers: \$ 29.3 billion	64 million	11.7 million	18.4 million
Option 3 Dollar cut off: 30s/50m Avg. increase in pay: \$ 530 Total to taxpayers: \$ 41.1 billion	42 million	20 million	15 million
Option 4 Dollar cut off: 50s/80m Avg. increase in pay: \$ 575 Total to taxpayers: \$ 55 billion	51 million	24 million	18.4 million

OPTION 2 EXAMPLE

Arguments in favor of proposal

- > \$25 - 30 billion dollar fiscal stimulus *spread out over year*
- > It's fair to low and middle income wage earners
- > 64 million taxpayers who currently receive refunds will continue to receive refunds, averaging more than \$900
- > Benefits are automatic; no paperwork by individual taxpayers
- > Taxpayers who don't like the change can opt out by changing their withholding allowance
- > Can implement proposal in January by Administrative action *tell, not ask, Tax Comptroller*
- > Mid-December announcement demonstrates commitment to action; responds to those in Congress (and others) who feel immediate steps are required
- > May reduce pressure for haste when Congress comes back in January, permitting more careful consideration of long-term growth package
- > While the proposal would increase the Federal deficit, it does not violate budget agreement (and wage earners could achieve the same result through "self-help" under current law)

Arguments against proposal

- > Taxpayers like high dollar refunds -- and dread owing IRS money in April
- > More than 11 million taxpayers would owe IRS an average of \$200 instead of receiving refunds in 1993
- > 18.5 million taxpayers who currently owe IRS average of \$2,025 when they file would owe additional \$375 in 1993
- > IRS attempts to contact wage earners who may owe money could offend some taxpayers and will not be entirely successful
- > One time increase in Federal deficit; may be seen as violating spirit of budget agreement
- > Burden on employers
- ◊ Proposal may be seen as preempting Congress
- > Proposal could reduce pressure for prompt enactment of comprehensive growth package

IRS Accelerated Refund Program:
Low and Middle Income Taxpayers Due Refunds
for Tax Year 1991 (Returns Due April 15, 1992)

Each year, more than 3 million low and middle income taxpayers are assisted in filing their returns and claiming tax refunds. This aid is provided by IRS taxpayer service employees and more than 100,000 volunteers who donate their time to help their fellow citizens through two IRS-sponsored programs: Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) and Volunteers in Taxpayer Assistance (VITA).

Timely refunds may be especially important to low and middle income taxpayers this filing season. As always, the best ways to assure prompt refunds is to file early and use electronic filing. In addition, the IRS plans to take the following steps:

Taxpayer service, TCE and VITA sites will be open for extended hours during the filing season to help low and middle income taxpayers file their returns and claim their refunds.

Local IRS offices, and IRS Service Centers, will be taking various steps to assure that taxpayers facing particular hardships can obtain their refunds on an expedited basis.

Specific procedures (including hours of operation, locations, telephone contacts, and filing guidelines) will be provided by the IRS in early January.

Steps IRS Will Take to Avoid Adverse Impact
on Taxpayers and Adverse Taxpayer Reaction

- > Emphasize that more than 85% of taxpayers currently receiving refunds will continue to receive refunds -- averaging more than \$900.
- > The 11 million taxpayers who switch from refunds to owing IRS money (an average of around \$200), can opt out of the change by notifying their employers and reducing their withholding allowances by 1.
- > The 25 million taxpayers who currently owe IRS an average of more than \$2,000 when they file can opt out of the change -- and also reduce the overall amount they owe IRS -- by reducing their withholding allowances.
- > IRS will announce that taxpayers who are underwithheld because of the change will not be subject to penalties if they pay whatever may be due in April 1993.
- > Provide special toll free numbers that taxpayers can call for an explanation of the change and how to adjust their withholding allowances.
- > In mid-1992, IRS will contact taxpayers it believes may be underwithheld (because of the change in tables or because they owed money in prior years) and suggest that they reduce their withholding allowances to avoid owing IRS money in April 1993.

IRS Accelerated Refund Program;
Corporate Taxpayers with Loss Carrybacks

Corporations that incur tax losses are entitled to carry back those losses to prior years and receive tax refunds from the IRS.

Under current IRS procedures, it takes 45 to 90 days to process these claims and issue refunds to taxpayers.

Effective in January, IRS will implement accelerated refund procedures so that funds will be issued to companies within 10 to 20 days after they file their claims.

IRS Accelerated Refunds Program

The IRS is initiating three programs to accelerate the payment of refunds to taxpayers.

The first, and most significant, is that IRS withholding tables are being adjusted to increase the take home pay of more than 90 million taxpayers by an average of \$310 during 1992. The effect of this change is to put refunds that taxpayers would otherwise claim in 1993 back in their pay checks during 1992. This change will begin in January, and will put close to \$30 billion in taxpayers' hands in the coming year.

Second, starting next month, the IRS will reduce the time it takes to issue refunds to corporations with tax loss carrybacks from two months to two weeks.

Third, the IRS will take a number of steps to make it easier for low and middle income taxpayers to file and receive their refunds this year, and provide accelerated refunds to taxpayers facing financial hardships.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1991

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: MARLIN FITZWATER 
SUBJECT: TALKING POINTS FOR PHOTO OPS TODAY
ON QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ABC OPINION POLL

- These polls show people are anxious and very concerned about the economy.
- I don't worry about polls in terms of my personal political situation, but I do worry about peoples' views of our general economy. It's clear consumer confidence is down, and the economy is in serious trouble.
- We are working on a series of options to turn the economy around.
 - 1) New Highway Bill: Several hundred thousand jobs.
 - 2) Asia Trip: A chance to push for market access and more U.S. exports. Every billion dollars in exports means 20,000 new jobs.
 - 3) Various measures to stimulate the economy are being considered as part of our Fiscal Year 1992 budget process.

SATELLITE TOUR OF ABC OWNED AND OPERATED TELEVISION STATIONS POSSIBLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

New York
Anchor: Bill Beutel

Economic Background:

- o New York City's unemployment rate reached 10.2% in November, a 7-year high. October's rate was 8.5%.
- o New York State's unemployment rate is at 8.0%, up from 6.8% three months ago and 5.4% a year ago.
- o New York City is home to many of the hardest-hit industries, including the airlines, banking, and advertising.

Question 1: Governor Cuomo has said that the state's economic problems are due to a lack of domestic leadership by you at the national level. Can New York's economic problems -- as well as those other state governors are coping with -- realistically be pinned on the governor's handling of the New York's economy?

Answer:

- o I understand and care about Americans who are enduring hard times.
- o Now is not the time for pointing fingers. The American people don't want blamesmanship from their leaders, they want answers.
- o I pledge to work with the Nation's governors and the Congress to adopt sound, common-sense policies that will put America back on sound economic footing and provide increased job opportunities.

Question 2: The New York City school system has started actively distributing condoms free of charge as a means of preventing the spread of AIDS. What is your view of this policy?

Answer:

- o Abstinence is the most effective means of combatting the disease.
- o I believe that these kinds of decisions are best left to families and individuals, rather than being imposed by the government.
- o So I believe this is a matter that a community should decide for itself after the broadest possible consultation with parents.

Philadelphia
Anchor: Jim Gardner

Economic Background:

- o Philadelphia's unemployment rate has remained steady in recent months, hovering around 6.4%.
- o Pennsylvania's unemployment rate has also held steady over the last three months, showing a slight improvement from a 6.8% rate in September to a 6.5% rate in November.
- o IBM and UNISYS have plans to lay off employees in coming months.
- o One bright spot is the planned construction of Philadelphia's new convention center, which is expected to add 4,000 construction jobs and 6,000 jobs during the ten years after completion.

Question 3: Recently the Pennsylvania House rejected a school choice plan, which included parochial schools as one of the options. How do you respond to the charge that providing state funds to parochial schools is unconstitutional on the grounds of separation of church and state?

Background:

- o The plan would have provided \$900 to parents for each child they send to private, parochial or public schools outside their home school districts.
- o Opponents said there was no money allocated for the program, which was estimated to cost \$300 million initially.
- o Gov. Casey did not take a stand on the bill.

Answer:

- o Choice in education brings creative competition to the academic marketplace, challenging all schools to improve.
- o We have a 50-year history of government funding for education in institutions of higher learning that have religious basings. Following World War II, returning veterans could use their GI bill vouchers to pursue higher learning at the institution of their choice, including parochial schools. Today, half of America's college students have Federal grants or loans that they may spend at any accredited college, public or private.

Question 4: How do you respond to the conventional wisdom that Sen. Wofford's victory over your man, Dick Thornburgh, was a referendum on your Presidency and a bellwether on health care for the 1992 campaign?

Answer:

- o While there has been a great deal of tea-leaf reading on this particular race, there were other results in November's election -- such as the strong GOP vote just across the Delaware River in New Jersey -- that we view very positively.
- o One of those messages was that voters are against tax increases for all kinds of services.
- o I plan to propose affordable health care reform during my State of the Union message.
- o While I agree that our health care system is in need of some reform, I'm not convinced that Americans want to be taxed heavily to pay for new health legislation.

Chicago

Anchor: Linda Yu

Economic Background:

- o Illinois unemployment rate has risen dramatically over the past three months to a five-year high of 8.5% in November, up from 7.1% in September.
- o Chicago's unemployment rate rose to 6.6% in November.
- o The construction industry and business expansion is expected to be stagnant in the near-term future.

Question 5: Gov. Edgar recently visited Mexico where he promoted your free-trade agreement. Critics have claimed the pact will cause U.S. companies to move to Mexico to take advantage of lower wages. Can America afford to take this kind of risk at a time when unemployment is at record highs across the Nation?

Background:

- o Mexico is the fifth-largest market for Illinois-made products and services.
- o The state ranks fourth among U.S. states in trade with Mexico.
- o Illinois' exports to Mexico have more than tripled since 1986.

Answer:

- o Recent data shows that foreign trade is the segment of our economy that is growing the most rapidly. Export growth continues to exceed 8%, and is the strongest engine of economic growth.
- o Since 1986, Illinois' trade with Mexico has more than tripled. Mexico is one of the leading purchasers of the state's goods.
- o The danger lies not in trade agreements, but in refusing to participate in them. For example, the Uruguay Round and the North American FTA negotiations aim to open markets, thus expanding trade and creating more jobs. It is in America's interest to conclude strong Uruguay and NAFTA agreements as soon as possible.

Question 6: Rep. Rostenkowski has been conducting hearings on the economy, and has proposed a temporary tax cut which would be financed by higher taxes on the wealthy. What do you think of Rostenkowski's plan, and what can we look for in your State of the Union Address to spur economic growth?

Answer:

- o I have been following the Congressional hearings closely to ensure that the plan I unveil in my State of the Union Address includes the most effective pro-growth initiatives.
- o I will reject plans that would bust the budget agreement. Breaking the agreement will raise interest rates, hurting the automobile industry and housing sector -- precisely the folks Rostenkowski says he wants to help most.
- o I pledge to work with the Congress and put partisan politics aside in order to achieve a growth program that puts Americans back to work and restores health to the economy.

Question 7: Former Education Secretary Bill Bennett recently called Chicago's school system the worst in the nation. What can be done to improve Chicago's schools?

Answer:

- o Each state has to decide what the best answers are for its schools and children, and how best to finance them.
- o The bottom line for improving American education is not new money but new ideas. America currently spends almost four times what we spent a decade ago, and no one would say our education system has improved proportionally.
- o In our America 2000 Strategy, we have taken the lead in promoting imaginative approaches to improve education and have challenged the nation with goals for the future.
- o But as we're seeing in Chicago, fundamental change in our educational system has to take place from the bottom up, not from the top down.

Question 8: You met with Rich Williamson last week, encouraging him to challenge Sen. Dixon. Yesterday he filed petitions to declare his candidacy. What do you think his chances are, and what will you be doing for his campaign?

Answer:

- o Rich Williamson is an outstanding and experienced candidate, ready to tackle Illinois' challenges.
- o Sen. Dixon does present a formidable challenge, but he faces a strong primary opposition, himself.
- o Vice President Quayle and I will do everything possible to help Rich take his message to the citizens of Illinois.
- o It has been nearly seven years since Illinois had a Republican Senator, yet Illinois voters have supported Republican Presidential candidates in six of the last seven elections.

San Francisco
Anchor: Richard Brown

Economic background:

- o California's unemployment rate has been sporadic over the last three months, most recently dropping to 7.4% in November from 7.8% in October.
- o San Francisco's rate has held steady at 4.5% in the last three months.
- o In spite of relatively low unemployment, new construction and business relocations are down.
- o Rural, agricultural areas of California are doing better than industrialized areas of the State.
- o California's exports rose 9% in 1990, and were 70% above the 1987 level.
- o In 1990, California exported more than any other state in the U.S., accounting for about 15% of all U.S. exports.

Question 9: One of your top campaign aides, Fred Malek, has contributed to several Democratic candidates, including San Francisco's Dianne Feinstein. Does the past support of prominent Democrats by this key member of your political team give you any pause?

Answer:

- o Fred Malek is a good man, and I have full confidence in his ability to run my campaign, should I decide to seek reelection next year.
- o Regarding his contributions, you'll need to ask Fred directly, as I have no comment.

Question 10: A major issue in the recent mayoral race was San Franciscans being fed up with a growing and increasingly aggressive homeless population. What can be done to alleviate homelessness, which appears to be worsening in these tough economic times?

Background:

- o Liberal Art Agnos was defeated by moderate Frank Jordan last Wednesday.
- o The mayoral race turned on the homeless and declining living conditions in San Francisco.

Answer:

- o The plight of the homeless is truly sad, and something that all caring people are concerned about, particularly during the holiday season.
- o In that vein, many caring Americans have taken up the banner to better the lives of those less fortunate. I have strived to promote recognition of these giving individuals, honoring their noble work as Points of Light.
- o States, cities and communities also are making major efforts to help.
- o My Administration will provide over \$1 billion this fiscal year to assist homeless individuals and families, double the level provided when I took office.
- o We need to ensure that our various efforts are integrated and made as effective as possible.
- o I will be working with the Congress to enact pro-growth legislation to better the lives of all Americans, including those who live on the brink of homelessness.

Los Angeles
Anchor: Harold Green

Economic Background:

- o 'Los Angeles' unemployment rate was 9.3% in November, up from 8.5% in August and 5.8% in November 1990.
- o Orange County has been the only bright spot, with lower unemployment at 5.3% and slightly more construction.

Question 11: Gov. Wilson recently proposed a budget ballot initiative that would cut welfare benefits by as much as 25%. Democrats have sharply criticized the plan as mean-spirited, saying that it is in the mold of David Duke. What is your view of Wilson's plan?

Background:

- o Wilson proposed a \$935 million in spending cuts and other savings to begin closing a revenue shortfall expected at \$3 billion or more.
- o Citing changing demographics in which tax payers are leaving the state while tax consumers are entering it, Wilson says fundamental changes must be made now so that the state's budget is not overwhelmed in the future.
- o California's AFDC payment for a family of three is \$663, the highest in the conterminous U.S.
- o LA Times poll last Thursday showed Californians strongly supporting Wilson's efforts to limit welfare benefits for new residents, but opposing further cuts in aid for poor people already living here.
- o Gov. Wilson will have to obtain HHS approval for his approval. HHS will likely have problems granting his requests.

Answer:

- o I have the utmost confidence in Gov. Wilson's judgment to make the correct decisions with respect to California's budget.
- o While I'm not familiar with the details of Gov. Wilson's plan, I applaud reform measures to break the cycle of welfare dependency, while providing the truly needy with the emergency services.
- o Gov. Wilson's plan has nothing to do with David Duke.

Question 12: Gang warfare has been escalating in recent years in Southern California, making the streets unsafe for law-abiding citizens. What is the Administration doing to help curb gang-related violence?

Background:

- o The LA County District Attorney estimates that 130,000 gang members operate in LA County, accounting for 690 deaths and 18,000 violent felonies.

Answer:

- o To prevent high-risk youth from becoming involved in gangs, the Justice Department has targeted \$5 million in FY 91 in discretionary grant programs.
- o Another \$14 million in Justice grant programs are targeted at preventing the spread of gangs.
- o In addition, we are assisting local law enforcement officials with \$423 million in FY 91 for grants, which may be used in gang-prevention initiatives.
- o Project Triggerlock has also been initiated to remove violent offenders and narcotics traffickers from the streets by exposing them to prosecution under federal statutes with mandatory minimum sentences of five and fifteen years.
- o In February, I challenged the Congress to pass a strong Crime Bill; 10 months later I have yet to receive a bill that protects law-abiding citizens rather than criminals.

Question 13: California's aerospace industry has been buffeted by the recession and the down-sizing of our armed forces. How do you propose to remedy the industry's dire economic straits, and provide hope for out-of-work employees?

Background:

- o In California, Hughes has laid off 20,000 workers; Lockheed, 17,000; McDonnell Douglas, 9,000 in recent months.
- o Nationwide, the expected loss of jobs in the defense industry is expected to reach 250,000 in the next two years.

Answer:

- o To help with the transition to a down-sized military, the Department of Defense will have provided \$150 million to the Department of Labor to assist workers dislocated from defense cutbacks.
- o One program that will help the aerospace industry is our civil space program.
 - o Since I took office, investment in NASA programs has increased 31%.
 - o At the same time, Congressional Democrats have repeatedly attempted to cut my requests for space programs.
- o The Democratic Congress could mitigate the dislocation of defense layoffs by passing my pro-growth initiatives, which would encourage defense industries to diversify into other fields and generally spur economic growth.

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